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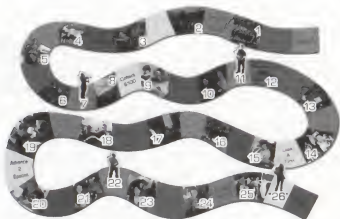
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A black and white photograph of Griffith High School. The building is a long, single-story structure with a series of columns and large windows. A sign above the entrance reads "GRIFFITH HIGH SCHOOL".

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Main
Office



Collect \$200

Graduation
Day

Move to the
Main Office

Prom

Roll Again

FIRST
DAY
OF
SCHOOL

Advance 3 Spaces

Sports play a major role in **THE** lives of many students. It takes a lot of hard work, motivation, and dedication to participate. "Sports give you something to do," said sophomore Nicholas Biancardi. During their season, athletes might be exhausted at times and complain about practice, but in the end every **GAME** always seems to be worth every second.



Josh Long

The Game of High School

Joining a new club is a great way to get involved in the school. Joining a club can also help others. There are many clubs at Griffith that help students find new abilities. Art Club, Bowling Club, FCCLA, band, and choir are just a few. Joining is a great way to volunteer and give back to the community. A lot of dedication is needed to join any club at the **HIGH** school.

Josh Long

Work All
Weekend

Collect \$200



Late to
Class
Again

Advance Directly
to Detention

Spring Break

Move Back
2 Spaces

Perform at
Coffee Night

Collect \$100

Homecoming

Fall Break

Meet a New
Student

DETENTION

Advance 2 Spaces

Roll Again

Collect \$50

Academics are the most important part **OF** a student's high school career. Getting good grades is important. Although school can be very boring, activities can make classes seem less monotonous. Labs, projects, and games are always interesting. Experimenting with force in a physics lab, senior Nicholas Ficht places weights on a cart. "Labs in Mrs. KV's room are interesting," said Ficht.



Go to See
Godspell

Pay \$5

Take a
Field Trip

Lose a Turn

Josh Long

In between everything going on during the **SCHOOL** week, students need to have time to go out and relax. Hanging out with friends is a good way to forget about stress. Enjoying their meal, seniors Lauren Pollard, Brittany Bridges, Jeffrey Reyna, and Brittany Evanich eat at Panda Express. "There's nothing to do here so we go out to eat a lot," said Bridges.

Josh Long

Superfan for
Girls Basketball

Collect \$10

Free
Homework
Pass

Advance Directly
to the Main Office

Stay After
for a Bio Lab

Lose a Turn

Wrestling
Tournament

Pay \$200

Winter Break

Lose a Turn

Main
Office



Collect \$200

Graduation
Day

Move to the
Main Office

Prom

Lose a Turn

Work All
Weekend

Collect \$200

Late to
Class
Again

Advance Directly
to Detention

FIRST
DAY
OF
SCHOOL
Advance 3 Spaces

Pay Book
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Spring Break

Move Back
2 Spaces

Perform at
Coffee Night

Collect \$100

Homecoming

Lose on
Activities DayMeet a New
Student

DETENTION

Advance 2 Spaces Move Back 3 Spaces

Collect \$50

Playing the game

Ever felt like life is a never-ending game? In theory, life is a 3-D game. Every choice we make is a step closer to the final destination. Ultimately, everyone is playing the same game. We all have the exact same starting and ending points. However, we all choose a different path to take along the way. Just like in a board game, no one likes to lose.

Every day we make several decisions; some, we don't need to think about, and others we must give careful thought and consideration. We are all in control of making sure we play the game right and come out successful.

"[Life] is like a game because you need strategy. You have to know what you're going to do. You can't go in blind," said freshman Jayce Lagestee.

The moves we make while playing the game of life can get very challenging. A strategy, or goal, in life is needed to know which decisions to make. Students juggle numerous activities during the school year; such as homework, projects, sports, clubs, and work. It can get very stressful and be easy to make a wrong move in the game. For example, a student can take one of two paths: to study for the test, or not to study. Which-ever is decided results in a good or a bad move.

Junior Lawrence Matovina made a good move when he volunteered to help Eddie Covarrubias, choir. "During my freshmen year, Mr. C was looking for a videographer to tape concerts for his viewing pleasure. I decided to step up and fulfill his challenge," Matovina said.

There are also unexpected twists and turns in life, just like in certain board games. Some things just cannot be predicted, but they still cannot be avoided. On a board game, there are spaces or cards saying to lose a turn, collect or pay money, and to move to a different space. In life, if something bad happens, it's like losing a turn in the game. It is difficult to deal with, but eventually it can be overcome. We are constantly paying and collecting money in life as well. We even move to different spaces when we get job promotions or try something new.

Josh Long

Fall Break

Roll Again

Late to
Class

Lose a Turn

Break Curfew
Again

Go to Detention

Free
Homework
PassAdvance Directly
to the Main Office

Half Day

Turnabout

Winter Break

Roll Again

Pay \$200

Lose a Turn



David Kujawa

Having fun with photographer Josh Long, Jenna Berzy, history, said while laughing, "All the student's eccentricities make being at Griffith High School exciting!"

With the love of teaching in her eyes, and chalk ready in her hands, Barbara Anderson, foreign language, proudly stated, "It's true, Griffith High School students are the best."



Josh Long



New school, new country

Coming to a new school can be tough. What about coming to an entirely new country and throwing yourself into a small town high school? Not as tough as you'd think.

"I knew many things from my brother. We were prepared. People are nice. It wasn't that bad," said our foreign exchange student, Friederike Roehnert. Roehnert is from lower Goetting, a small town in Germany.

Different country, different town, different people, so, of course, school has to be different, right?

"Teachers change rules. Here, you get grades in participation. In Germany, there are less classes, and you study certain things in one or two classes. We have three different kinds of schooling and thirteen years of it."

Don't worry; Roehnert has had no problem adapting. Once she started school here at Griffith High, she jumped onto our very own volleyball team, making Junior Varsity!

"Friederike has really brought us together. She has helped everyone out," bragged JV captain Amber Wilson. "She has changed us a lot, for good and bad. She is someone taller, so we have to move everyone around; it is a lot to get used to."

Talk about a lot to get used to! Of course, we're used to the American food and traditions, but we can't be that different, can we?

"I was expecting it [the food]. We eat healthier in Germany; I don't, but some do. I eat McDonald's. I wish we had Wendy's! It's so cheap. We pay in Euro. It looks neater here. In Germany, we don't have grass in the front yards, just fences."

Roehnert has changed us all. We have welcomed her onto our teams, into our classes, but most of all, into our hearts.



David Kujawa

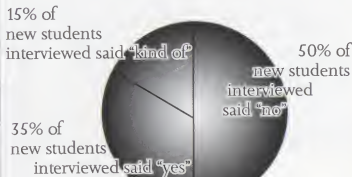
Enjoying her fourth hour chemistry class, junior Friederike Roehnert, a foreign exchange student from Germany, waits for candy. "Mrs.KV's suckers rule!" Roehnert said.

"I like high school better than middle school because they don't treat us like little kids anymore," said freshman Chrissy Colgrove. Colgrove was trying to open her stubborn lock.



Josh Long

Is coming to a new school difficult?



30 new students interviewed

Here comes Homecoming

Spirit week, activities' day, the parade, and of course the football game mean only one thing is happening: homecoming.

Homecoming is that special time of year when you get to dress up all week and show your school spirit. When Friday comes along, the entire school is ready to participate in our annual activities' day. This year, the seniors took control over activities day by seizing first place.

Spirit week consisted of Dress Up Day (Monday), Favorite Sports Team Day (Tuesday), Pajama Day (Wednesday), Mix and Match/Crazy Hair Day (Thursday), and Black and Gold/Homecoming T-Shirt Day (Friday).

Of course, the Friday night game is something that the whole community looks forward to. This year, the Panthers beat the Cardinals and took the victory on homecoming night.

"I really enjoyed homecoming this year," said sophomore Brittany Medley. "My favorite part was to see everyone show their school spirit and attend the big game," said Medley.

Many Griffith students enjoy activities day due to the fact that it gets them out of class. "I thought activities day was awesome because everyone gets out of class. I think it is a good way to pump up our football team for the big game," said senior Derek Hitt.

"I participated in the three-legged basketball game with Kellie Bubala," said junior Brandi Heldler. "I like participating in this activity the most because I like to beat people."

Homecoming this year was a huge success, thanks to Betty Hoyle, English, and Rachel Miller, English, who are the Student Council sponsors. They spent numerous hour organizing Homecoming.



David Kujawa



David Kujawa



Cheering his heart out, senior Desmond Neylon participates in Activities Day by being a male cheerleader. "It is my senior year and I just wanted to go all out to get the crowd pumped," said Neylon.

GHS Homecoming

What would your ideal spirit week include?



Ryan Voges
sophomore

"I would pick hat day because hats are awesome to wear."



Chris Melton
freshman

"It would be awesome to have a movie character dress up day."



Terrell Mabry
Junior

"Ghetto day would be funny because it would remind everyone of the ghetto days."

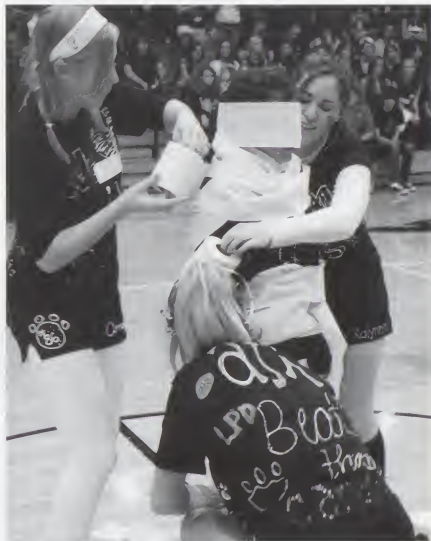
"Twin day because then my friends and I would have an excuse to dress alike."

Amanda Valtierra
sophomore

Left as a prank, the senior class decided to leave a board at the main entrance for students to see on Friday. "I made this sign for our senior class because I thought it was a cute idea," said senior Miranda Pope.



Josh Long



David Kujawa

Ready to yell for the class of 2008, senior Jake Fitzsimons watches activities day from the bleachers. "I didn't participate in activities day this year because of football, but I really enjoyed watching," said Fitzsimons.

"This activity went really fast because you didn't really have time to think about what you were doing," said sophomore Amanda Zaborowski. "I thought activities day was really entertaining."

Homecoming

page by Miranda Pope

Court



Tim Cooper & Miranda Pope



Josh Long & Brittany Evanich



Derek Hitt & Brooke Miller



Kyle Najjar & Kayla Agullera



Doug Ashenbaugh & Lauren Winleck



King & Queen



Ali Pietrucha

Dressed to impress and ready to boogie, freshman Taylor Surowiec enjoys the dance with the company of her friends. "I went to the dance with a group of my friends, and had a great time because I was dancing with everyone," said Surowiec.



Josh Long

"The Homecoming game was hard, but you can't look past any team," said senior David Alexander. This is Alexander's fourth year playing varsity football for the Panthers, and he plans on continuing his football career in college.



Josh Long

Ready to take down a Cardinal, junior Mark Butkus pushes with all of his strength. "Our defense was unstoppable that night," said Butkus. "We played really well as a team and I enjoyed it."

As they showed their school spirit at the football game, junior Corey Breclaw and sophomore Patrick Ruesken painted their stomachs. "I did it to show my school spirit," said Breclaw. "The game was fun, but I was freezing."



Josh Long

Grooving the night away at the Homecoming dance, junior Morgan Momcilovich danced with her friends. "I went to the dance last year, but this year was by far much more fun," said Momcilovich. "More of my friends and the guys went, so we had a blast."



Ali Pietrucha



Deep tones and rhythm are all that junior Michael Beck needs to entertain himself. "Everyone should try to play an instrument because it helps in all aspects of life," said Beck.

Rehearsing for the musical *Godspell*, sophomore Eric Brumley strums the guitar. "Playing guitar is a way to get your feelings and emotions out," said Brumley.

Josh Long

What music is the most popular?

Country.....14%
Rock.....40%
Hip-Hop.....34%
Punk.....12%

50 students interviewed



Josh Long

To entertain herself in her aide hour, junior Ali Kitner listens to music and reads. "I couldn't exist without my iPod; my life is stored in those gigabytes," said Kitner.



Josh Long



Jake Long

page by Jake Long

Music is in the air at GHS

High school students are greatly affected by music. Music plays a role in many lives, whether people realize it or not. Whether it's the way you dress or the hobbies you do, chances are music is involved. Many video games are about music as well. *Karaoke Revolution*, *Guitar Hero*, and *Dance Dance Revolution* are a few games that are music based. Television shows also start with music. *High School Musical* was successful because of its music and choreography.

Along with listening to music, many students like to create music. "I have been playing guitar since I was eight," said sophomore Eric Brumley.

While the guitar appears to be the most popular instrument in a band, along with vocals, there are other instruments out there, including the drums and the bass.

"Every man should play drums because all the girls love drummers," said junior Chris Bartley.

Many of these musicians are also considering a career in music. "I'm going to move to Sweden and start a death metal band," said junior Alex Little.

While playing an instrument is an excellent talent to have, many people don't know how to play. However, video games have made it possible for everyone to feel like a music star. For those that have always wanted to sing, there is *Karaoke Revolution*. For those that want to play guitar or bass, there is *Guitar Hero*. There is also a game that is not very well known called *Drum Hero*.

"I play *Guitar Hero* to shock and impress everyone," said Little.



Jake Long

With guitar controller in hand, freshman Nicole Poole plays a song on *Guitar Hero*. "I'm obsessed about music. It's fun to jump off the couch while playing," said Poole.

I've got a friend in you!

In the dictionary, the word pet means "an animal kept for amusement or companionship". Some people are even so close to their pets that they start to look like them. Here at Griffith High school, there are many students who have a variety of pets.

Freshman Kyle Uylaki has many pets, including three dogs, one bird, two lizards, and a fish. "I like having them; they give me something to do after school," he said. Uylaki has to feed and take care of the whole batch by himself.

Sophomore Amanda Valtierra has a dog named Roxy. Valtierra loves coming home to see her dog and to cuddle with her. "I like to take my dog on walks, feed her and play with her," she said. Roxy is a Papillion with blond fur and white spots. A Papillion is a small dog breed with distinctive large, fringed ears, which is how it earned its name. Papillion is the French word for butterfly. Valtierra doesn't have large fringed ears, so she really doesn't look much like Roxy.

Junior Friedrike Roehnert, our foreign exchange student from Germany, had a pet rabbit that she used to call Honzey. "It was so cute. I took care of it for awhile, but then I stopped feeding it. My dad decided to take it away from me and find it a better home," she said.

In talking with Uylaki, Valtierra, and Roehnert, they definitely enjoy the companionship and amusement from their pets, despite the fact that they might not look anything like them.

What is the most unusual pet that you have heard of?

"I think the weirdest pet I have heard of is a squirrel."

Michael Kubacki
senior

Brian Little
sophomore

"It is unusual for somebody to have a monkey as a pet."

"I think the weirdest pet is a snail."

Derek Revis
freshman

"The most unusual pet that I've heard of is a Chinchilla."

Brooke Studinarz
junior



Ali Pietrucha

"I named my dog Fluffy when I was five, not realizing that's a cat's name. But I still love her," said sophomore Amanda Zaborowski. They love watching TV together.



Ali Pietrucha



Jake Long



Josh Long

Cheerful sophomore Kara Buchholz loves playing with her two cats. "I love helping out at local animal shelters. I know I make a difference to the animals," said Buchholz.

With love in her eyes, senior Jacqueline Krygowski plays with her pet tarantula. "This is one of my many exotic pets; I named her Annie," said Krygowski.



Josh Long

Hanging out with his pet millipede is one of senior Dwight Poole's favorite past times. "I have three dogs that try to eat Oliver the millipede," said Poole.

Always seen with her dog, sophomore Kim Swender walks in the pet parade. "It was fun to walk in the parade because I want to be a vet when I get older," said Swender.

It's all fun and games until someone has to go to work

A teen's first job is a landmark in his or her life. Stories about a high-schooler dealing with work have been done to death in television, movies, and books. There are even certain stereotypes associated with jobs teens have: the domineering boss, messy tasks, and falling.

While some of these descriptions are valid, teens don't feel as much loathing toward work as people would suspect. Some even like their job, or at least feel apathy toward it, and don't have any trouble balancing school and work. Some teens even appreciate the experience their jobs give them and "know the value of a hard day's work".

"I love working with my friends," said junior Ashley George, who has been working at Squiggi's Pizza with fellow junior Lorie Williams.

"The best part of my job is probably when you get the nice customers who don't get upset about this and that or how long they have to wait," stated senior Jessica Mendoza, who works at Fagen Pharmacy in East Chicago.

Then there are the students who get the cushy jobs: "I just sit there and check people in," said junior Austin Guzik, a five month proud employee of Gators in Highland. "I love it because I work for something I really like to do," continued Guzik.

This doesn't mean teens don't have problems and complaints about work.

"You get rude customers sometimes," said Williams.

"I don't like the heat," said George. "Because it's a pizza place, the ovens get pretty hot. Also, I don't drive, so it stinks because I have to walk if I can't find a ride."

Mendoza can relate to transportation problems. "Sometimes [transportation is a problem] because I have to take a bus from Griffith to East Chicago."

But whether teens like their jobs or hate them, they all agree that they are beneficial.

"I think it helps teach responsibility and dedication," said Mendoza.

"[It's important] just to be prepared for what work feels like and how much effort it takes," said Williams.

Her friend agrees. "If you're irresponsible now, it's harder to get on track later in life," said George.

And, as Guzik simply stated, "It's good experience."

So, whether you're saving for a car or college, jobs will not only help you financially, but also give you tools to use the rest of your life.



Josh Long



Josh Long

Placing returned books on shelves, senior Brittany Evanich says of her library job, "It can get boring because it's so quiet, but it's really, really easy. The ladies are really nice."

To buy a car, senior Samantha Eisensee takes orders at Arby's. A two-year employee, Eisensee is loving even minute. "I have more fun at work than I should," said Eisensee.



Josh Long



KIM

Proving his expertise as a Subway sandwich artist, junior Nicholas Gonzalez makes one for a customer. "I need money for wrestling tournaments," said Gonzalez.

"I've been doing it for so long, it's like second nature to me," states senior Andrew Kime of his duties at Squig's Pizza. "[But] it gets kind of repetitive," Kime added.



Josh Long

With a smiling face, senior Amber Reed heatpresses a shirt at her Varsity Sports job. "It's really stressful sometimes because there's so much to memorize," Reed admits.

Go collect \$9 an hour Tips for getting a job

- put together a simple resume even if you have no real job experience
- be well groomed and well dressed
- make a list of jobs to apply for by using internet, newspapers, and Help Wanted signs
- keep your head up, maintain eye contact, use a firm handshake, and be confident
- make a follow up call; get in touch with the possible employer
- be prepared for "no"

What do you do in your spare time?

Hang out with friends - 30%

Exercise/sports - 29%

Read - 6%

Sleep - 5%

Watch television - 5%

Work - 5%

Text message - 5%

Eat - 2%

Shopping - 2%

Other - 12%

100 students polled

page by Raquel Mazur

Just kick back and relax

Between school, jobs, sports, and homework, high schoolers rarely get time to do what they want to. Every so often, though, the teenagers of Griffith High get to relax, unwind, and have the fun they have been waiting for since they woke up. Whether they join up with some friends, lay back with a good book, or sleep for a few hours is their decision.

"I enjoy pitching with my father and Brooke Baker, working out, playing music, and chilling with my friends," junior Kate Rone said. "I'm a thrill-seeker, and Friday nights with my friends are the best!"

Rone is not the only one who enjoys hanging out with friends, of course. Sophomore Melissa Stadnik said, "I like to hang out with my friends. We go to the movies, hang out at each other's houses, and just act goofy together. It gets me out of my house, and I love being with them."

Being with friends is one the many activities that students at GHS like to do. They also favor exercising, playing sports, reading, sleeping, shopping, eating, watching television, and many other activities.

So whether students like to get out and run, sleep, or even play an instrument, there is always something that everyone enjoys to do with people or by themselves. In other words, kick back, do what you want, and let the good times roll!



Josh Long

Practicing juggling a soccer ball, sophomore Zachary Kisfalusi passes his time at school. "I practice about every other day," said Kisfalusi. "My highest juggle is about forty-five."



Josh Long



Josh Long

To relax herself, junior Beth Thrall practices her scales. "Playing the piano relaxes me to no belief. It brings me pleasure, and I get a great sense of accomplishment," said Thrall.

With a frustrated sigh, senior Billy Hilbrich relaxes with Halo 3. "My friends and I get together about once a week," stated Hilbrich. "It's normally Brad Popa, Josh Long, and Nick Ficht."



Jake Long

Relaxing on his couch, sophomore Sam Carter, listens to his iPod with the company of his cat, named Cat. "It doesn't have a name. It only responds to 'cat,'" said Carter.

To express himself, senior Steven Barnard does a frontside 5-0 on his half-pipe. "It's a way to express myself," said Barnard. "I do it to go out and have fun." The halfpipe is located in his backyard.



David Kujawa

Joking around in senior Alexis Hartman's garage after a half day, senior Kelley Cloghessy is laughing. "It was Lauren's birthday, and we were just having a blast. Everyone should party!" said Cloghessy.



Miranda Pope

page by Miranda Pope

The weekend is finally here

It's Friday, the bell rings, and students are dashing to the doors. That's right: the weekend is here! A perfect time to catch up on some sleep, hang out with friends, or just simply relax.

"Usually, my friends and I like to sit around and do nothing. Sometimes, we'll go out and just drive while wasting our gas. It's honestly not that fun, but it's still the weekend," said junior Keela Detmar.

Having a job may affect some people's weekend plans. Considering that there is no school on Saturday or Sunday, many students spend their spare time working to make some extra cash.

"Depending on what specific day I get scheduled, I usually work every weekend. It's eight to nine hour shifts, so it can get to be a long day," said senior Jeff Reyna.

Many students don't have a certain curfew, but some are used to their parents calling or checking-in on them constantly. For senior Alexis Hartman, that is not necessarily the case. "My parents usually don't call me, unless it's really important. They trust me though, so it's never been too big of an issue." Every student will have different rules to follow; it just depends.

For a lot of students, the weekend doesn't come soon enough. As soon as we walk through our school entrance bright and early Monday morning, we begin our countdown for Friday. Sophomore Kier Brinkley looks forward to relaxing on the weekends. "I love to sleep! Watching a movie and just laying around is what I'm all about. I'm not big on partying or going out all the time," said Brinkley.

Hartman said she looks forward to the weekend because she can party with her friends and just have fun.

So whether you sleeping in late, or staying up all night and living it up, the weekend all comes down to one thing: no alarm clock, no worries. Just make sure you enjoy your time to relax while it is still there. Soon enough, it will be "Back to School."



Josh Long

Wrapped up in a warm blanket, senior Lauren Pollard is watching a movie with her friend, senior Brittany Evanich. "Just laying around watching movies is the best," said Pollard.



Frances Petricha

While tossing some bags at a birthday party, junior Brandon Clark shows his competitive side. "I like playing bags or frisbee at parties because it's a good way to pass time."

Ready to rock out, senior Dan Rukes plays "Rock Band". "This game requires a lot of skill, but it's better than just playing a guitar. That can get to be boring," said Rukes.



Josh Long

How do you spend your weekends?



Steven Bakko
senior

"I usually work or go to the movies as much as I can. I also have "shin-digs" with like 10 people and we just order pizza and play games."



Auvon Chandler
senior

"I like to spend my weekends going to the movies, hanging out with my friends, working, or just relaxing with my family."



Josh Long

"I was heading home from hitting practice," said junior Kyle Lidster. "Usually on the weekends I like to loiter or shoot the breeze with my friends. Maybe I'll hit up a party."



Ali Pietrucha

"It is hard to get ready because you never know what the weather will be like or what mood I'm in," said sophomore Kara Buchholz. Everyday, it takes Buchholz about an hour to get ready for school.

Looking stylish everyday, sophomore Sara Winiecki writes in her Griffith High School planner. "I like to shop at stores where no one really shops at so I don't look the same," said Winiecki.



Amanda Zaborowski

Talking to freshman Christina Calvillo, freshman Alex Latronica opens her locker. "I like looking cute and casual; it's my favorite because you can be cute and comfortable," Latronica said.

Before class, sophomore Carissa Robbins points out a cute shirt junior Aimee Johnson is wearing. "I feel better about myself if I look presentable," said Johnson.



Being a model student

Fashion trends come and go as each season changes. Students at Griffith High School have a knack for fashion. Every group of friends has their own style; some people always have to have the newest Coach purse or the newest pair of Nikes. On the other hand, some students don't care about fashion at all.

"The newest thing I have purchased is Versaci cologne; it smells so good," said senior Anthony Moore.

The way a person dresses says a lot about the person who is wearing the clothes. The way a student dresses is their way of expressing themselves. Some students may wake up early to look nice because of an event going on that day, but some just look nice everyday. Many students wake up at 7:45 and throw on a pair of sweatpants and a T-shirt because they don't care if they impress people or not. "I like to coordinate (my outfits)," said Moore.

Students who care about how they look could spend a lot of their time shopping at Abercrombie, Hollister, or Aeropostale.

"My favorite store is Hollister. I like the way the clothes fit on me, and make me look swell (good)," said Moore. A whole day dedicated to shopping could be one person's dream or another person's nightmare.

This years fashion trends are: straight leg jeans, moccasins, and metallics. The trends from last season are finally going out of style like leggings, ponchos, and gaucho pants. Even though many people will still wear these styles, not as many people will wear them as before. Fashion is a major part of any students life.



Aminda Zaborowski



Ali Berucha

Mix & Match

Pick and choose the fashion that matches each Griffith High Student.



1. **Kalynn Ruiz**
sophomore

a. puma gym shoes



2. **Vanessa Gonzalez**
junior

b. ballet flats



3. **Samantha Marker**
freshman

c. fur boots



**What was your
favorite song to dance to?**

"I'll Be"	39%
"Low"	23%
"Get Low"	12%
"Baby Got Back"	12%
"Sandstorm"	9%
"The Grease Songs"	3%
"YMCA"	2%

50 students interviewed



Annie Higginbotham

While having lip gloss applied to her lips, junior Lindsay Brandner waits patiently to finish getting ready for the dance. "It was so crazy," said Brandner, "especially the dancing."



Annie Higginbotham

These daring slow-dancing boys consisted of juniors Kevin Konopasek, Mark Blount, Zachary Butkus, and Michael Zurawski. "We decided to change it up a bit," said Konopasek.

Being the center of attention doesn't stop junior Gregory Joyce and senior Zachary Macak from taking over the dance floor. "I was getting jacked and dancing the night away," said Macak.

page by Angela Kepchar

"I'll Be" waiting to dance with you

January 25, 2008 was the date marked on everyone's calendar at Griffith High School. That day just so happened to be the turnabout dance. Although the heavy downfall of snow slowed down most students, everyone wouldn't miss that night for anything.

"We almost got into a car accident on the way there," said senior Kenny Korpela, "but it was so exciting at the same time though."

Once students arrived at the Avalon Manor, it looked as if a rainbow of people had arrived. Dresses of all different styles and hues of colors matched with their dates' suits. Students would wait in long lines to get their picture taken with their date or just with friends. Even while waiting, the music started playing but it wouldn't stop everyone from starting to dance in line.

"I hated getting my picture taken but it was alright when I was with my friends," said sophomore Valarie Scholte. "Low" was my favorite song to dance to." Two of the most popular songs during turnabout were "Low" and "I'll Be".

After turnabout was over, it only meant that the night was still young and there was still more events to occur. Most people went out to eat afterwards. Others went to places like the bowling alley, Chicago, and other friends' houses.

"My date (Joshua Kisfalusi), my friends and I went to T.G.I. Friday's and then everyone came over to my house to stay the night," said freshman Sarah Hurdish. "My first year of turnabout was pretty fun, but I think that over the next years of high school it's going to be better."

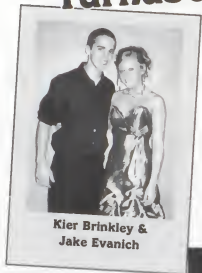


Kiara Gragido

Towering over the whole crowd, sophomore Edward Boncela starts dancing with the girls. "I really liked dancing to 'Cupid Shuffle'," said Boncela. "That was my favorite song."

Dancing together, juniors Brandon Rukes and Melissa Pilipow slow-dance during the song "I'll Be". "Just dancing with her was the most amazing moment of the dance," said Rukes.

Turnabout



Kier Brinkley &
Jake Evanich



Ashley Darrough &
Steven Kepchar

Court



Lauren Hansen &
Robert Saltanovitz



Sara McInerney &
Peter Sepulveda



Prince & Princess



Sara Winiecki &
Kyle Terpstra



Annie Higginbotham

Dancing the "YMCA", Bonnie Manuel, principal, joins junior Colin Yarnelle, and junior Mark Blount. "It was exhilarating. I was stoked when Mrs. M jumped in," laughs Blount.



To take group pictures, junior Morgan Momcilovich's group met at junior Tod Basham's house. "Pictures were crazy. His house wasn't as big as we needed it," said Momcilovich.

"Turnabout was pretty tight this year," said sophomore Edward Boncela. "After the dance, my group went to Dick's in Chicago. It wasn't what I expected, but it was good."



Photo provided



Anne Higginbotham



Kiara Gragido

Dancing together and enjoying themselves are, sophomores Kelsey Hitt, Meghan Macak, Kaitlyn Sudac, and Sara Winiecki. "I had the most fun just dancing with all of my friends," said Hitt.



Kiara Gragido



Anne Higginbotham

While dancing with junior Danny Torok, sophomore Patricia Monroe thought about the dance. "The dance this year was okay, but last year it was better," said Monroe.

Sophomore Brain Little catches some shut-eye after the dance. "Turnabout was fantastic, and I had a blast at the dance this year," said Little.

The holidays are here again

Two words that everyone loves to hear are "The Holidays." We love hearing people say this because it's not only an excuse to possibly open presents or sleep-in during the given break, but it also might mean there is more time for family. There are many different holidays celebrated throughout our school year, all in which have special meanings.

The first big holiday that is celebrated during the beginning of the school year is Halloween. Students enjoy this holiday because it's a huge candy give-away day. No one is ever too old to go trick-or-treating. On the other hand, some students might prefer to help their parents pass out candy to all the cute little kids.

Thanksgiving is the next major holiday during the year. Students are always looking forward to a holiday that gives them an excuse to stuff their face. "Thanksgiving is the best holiday because I love the food my family makes," said sophomore Katie Mitchell, "I also enjoy the small break from school." Thanksgiving break was November 22nd and 23rd this year. This is also a great holiday to share with family and gain a couple pounds without feeling bad.

The next holiday is by far the best. Christmas is the perfect holiday for spending time with loved ones. This year, Christmas break was from December 24th to January 4th. "I like Christmas because I get to spend time with my family and I get a break from school," said freshman Brandon Soy. There are many activities that make Christmas so meaningful. Going caroling, driving around to look at Christmas decorations, and baking treats are great ways to spice up the long break that is given. Winter break is perfect.

January 1st marks the start of a new year. Many students look forward to this holiday because it is usually spent with friends. As the years go on, traditions change, but most people are used to screaming with joy and lighting off fireworks when the clock strikes midnight.

After winter break, the rest of the holidays somehow seem to join together, just because they are mainly little holidays, excluding Easter. These holidays all still have their special meanings, but might not be as recognized as the others. Holidays are a big part of the school year and are always something to look forward to. Many students count down the days until their next break due to a holiday celebration.



Annie Higginbotham

Junior Kevin Konopasek tries dodging a snowball that is being thrown at him by junior Abby Mesch. "Abby threw it at me, but I had one ready to throw back at her. That one nailed me."

Everyone enjoys getting presents on Valentine's Day. "My boyfriend put a huge teddy bear and tons of candy in my locker," said sophomore Ashley Darrough.



Jessica Mend...



Josh Long



Josh Long

"Our yearbook staff Christmas party was different, because it's new to me this year," said sophomore Ali Pietrucha. This is Ali's first year on staff and her sister Frances's, junior, third.

Decorating the Christmas tree in the attendance office, senior Britany Bridges places the ornaments with glee. "I liked putting up the tree; I love decorating for the holidays," Bridges said.



Josh Long

Surprised by her boyfriend's gift, junior Cory Jung laughs. "I just walked into first hour after telling a joke to my friends, and that was sitting on the desk. I thought it was really sweet."

What was your favorite Halloween costume?

"When I was seven years old, I dressed up as Cinderella. That was my favorite costume because she is my idol. It fits me anyways, because I'm a princess."

Kathryn Galambos
senior

"My favorite costume was when I was a dead football player. I was only six years old, but that by far had to be the coolest one."

Kyle Mull
freshman

"I dressed up as The Teletubies with my cousins one year. I was the yellow one, 'Lala.' That was really funny because it wasn't even that long ago."

Gabby Leimbach
junior



Jake Long

All business, senior Alison Colgrove makes pancakes for the famished masses swarming the cafeteria. Colgrove is just one Chorale member who helped with the breakfast.

Entertaining the avid listeners of the Coffee Night audience, senior Josh Francis plays his guitar along with his band. "[We play] to give people the gift of music," quipped Francis.



Josh Long

With guitar in hand, senior Tim Sconza plays at Coffee Night. "Music is a really important thing in my life," said Sconza. "Coffee Night seems to be the only thing you don't have to try out for."

To pay homage to the musical *Wicked*, freshman Kylee Ulm sings "For Good" from the productions during Coffee Night. "[I] wanted to sing that song, and I thought it would be fun," said Ulm.



Josh Long



Josh Long



Jake Long

Tongs in hand, junior Ryan Galihier expertly cooks bacon for Chorale's pancake breakfast. "We signed up for certain positions," said Galihier. "I picked bacon because I like cooking better than everything else."

What was the best part of the pancake breakfast?



Kevin Bynum
sophomore

"The best part for me was when I got the pancakes."

"The best part was watching Across the Universe and singing along."



Jessicka
Knight
junior

"My favorite part was being able to eat all the pancakes I could for \$5.00."



Jaime
Hernandez
junior

page by Robin Sophia

Eat, drink, and be merry

There are a lot of ways for GHS students to express themselves in school. They can join any of the numerous clubs; take part in the talent show, or the annual Coffee Night.

Coffee Night is an event that occurs every year where students perform their art, whether it be music or prose. This year's Coffee Night took place the day before Halloween, October 30. Students came to watch their peers perform while snacking on food and drinking pop. This year's Coffee Night was all music, with songs ranging from show tunes to original songs. Despite the all-music program, Coffee Night was still successful with the performances as well as monetarily.

Coffee Night, while a good form of entertainment for GHS students, is also one of the ways Chorale raises money for its trips. The proceeds from Coffee Night went toward their trip to New York City.

Another fundraiser going toward this cause was the pancake breakfast held on February 23. For a small fee, anyone, student or not, was allowed to enjoy a leisurely breakfast of pancakes along with side dishes like bacon, cinnamon rolls, and eggs. Chorale members were responsible for the cooking and the distribution of the food.

"It gave us time to work together and time to work as a team," said junior Brandon Rukes, a member of Chorale who also helped with the breakfast. "It [the breakfast] was a great way to make money; usually people like having all you can eat breakfasts. [We made] almost one thousand dollars."

"It was a lot more challenging than I thought it would be," said junior Alison Kitner. "I never thought I could flip so many pancakes."

"Parts of the Chorale made the pancakes, other people served, other people carried pancakes from point A to point B while other people sold tickets at the door," continued Kitner.

Superfans to the rescue

Superfan: Fanatical spectator of a sporting event, who goes above and beyond being an ordinary fan in support of their team. Examples: face painters, costume wearers, body painters, t-shirt makers, etc.

Here at Griffith High School, just about any sporting event has a superfan. It seems that more students are participating in super-fandom to show their school spirit. Students superfanned at many football games this year. Homecoming is always a popular game to dress-up for since many groups make homemade tee-shirts in support of their class and players. This year, the school participated in a "Blackout" on November 9th, at a home game against Lowell. The student body was asked to dress in all black, hence the name "Blackout".

Another popular sport to superfan is both boys and girls basketball. There were many games where you would find students dressed in Halloween costumes to show their school spirit. The girls sectional game against Andrean at Rensselaer even had a fanbus full of rowdy, excited superfan's ready to cheer their team on.

Superfanning makes the games much more interesting and exciting to watch. It brings the level of play up for the team knowing that there are fans wanting them to win. So next year, make the costumes even bigger and even better to show your school spirit. It will make for an interesting game.

Have YOU ever been a
"SUPER FAN"?

58%
YES

"Yes, when it's game time
it's pain time baby, and
you gotta step up to get
your rep up."

Kyle Terpstra
sophomore

"Yes, I superfanned at a
boys swim meet where me
and a bunch of other girls
painted our stomachs."

Aimee Johnson
junior

2%
NO

50 students interviewed



Annie Higginbotham

Sweat bands, wigs, and decorated t-shirts are some superfan attire modeled here. "I was superfanning for my boy Peter at a boys basketball game," said sophomore Sam Carter.



Josh Long

Participating in this year's "Blackout", junior Kevin Konopasek smiles with joy. "During the game I felt very excited and cold at the same time," Konopasek said.

Cheering in the stands, students, including junior Brandi Heidler, spell out JUNIORS. "I love superfanning because you get into the game," Heidler said.



Josh Long



Annie Higginbotham



Josh Long

Almost never seen apart, sophomores Brian Brilmyer and Kyle Terpstra superfan the girls basketball team. "I superfanned Samantha Marker because she asked me to," said Brilmyer.

Some events demand an even higher level of fandom, t-shirts and headbands are traded for crazy costumes. "We wore costumes to get the team jacked," said junior, Zack Duvynak.



Annie Higginbotham

Stretching and warming up for the show, junior Morgan Mornclovich calms her nerves to go onstage. "I worked on my dance really hard, and it was a nice chance to show everyone what I can do," said Mornclovich.

As they sit and sell tickets for the show, sophomores Brooke Blackard, Amanda Zaborowski, and Jackie Lopez chat. "I chose to sell tickets because I wanted to know how many people would come," said Lopez.



Ali Petrucchia



Which was your favorite act and why?

"I'd say ours or Martin Bowman's. The talent show was awesome!"

Keith Mitchell
junior

"My favorite act was Yakee, CJ, and Tationnia's performance because they danced, they sang, and they really performed well. The vocals and choreography were really good."

Auvon Chandler
senior

"I liked Martin's. He did really well on the guitar, and it was interesting to listen to."

Alex Latronica
freshman



Annie Higginbotham

"I was waiting for the talent show, honestly. I knew I wanted to sing. I just listened to a lot of songs, sang them all, and picked which one sounded best," said junior Phillip Huley.

And the winner is...

This year's Pantherpalooza 2008, more commonly referred to as the talent show, was on March 28, 2008. Presale tickets were \$5.00 and tickets at the door were \$7.00. Pantherpalooza was hosted by GHS's own student council, with help from Betty Hoyle and Rachel Miller, English, student council sponsors.

In all, there were eleven acts. Junior Phillip Huley started off the night with a solo. He was followed by freshman Dontrell Kelly, who played a piano and vocal combination. The third act was sophomore Michelle Velez and freshman Kylee Ulm with a vocal and guitar duet. Following that were sophomores Yakee Lomax, Cedric Jeter, and Tationna Rockwood with a dance and vocals number. The last act of the first half of the show was a guitar solo by senior Josh Francis.

A ten minute intermission separated the first and second halves of the show, where all refreshments were \$0.50, with proceeds going to the Humane Society and DogsInDanger.com.

Starting off the second half of the show was senior Allison Colgrove with a guitar and vocal solo. Junior Morgan Momcilovich performed a dance solo after her. The third act of the second half was performed by freshman Martin Bowman with a guitar solo. He was followed by the Griffith Action News team and senior Dan Rukes. The second to last act was performed by senior Danny Maglish with an acoustic medley and vocal solo. The final act of the talent show was the band Kids That Play in Traffic.

When it was all over, and the judges finally chose a winner, people were overjoyed. The winner was freshman Martin Bowman.

When the audience left the show, they were astounded by the amount of amazing, talented people this school contains.



Annie Higginbotham

With freshman Kylee Ulm alongside her, sophomore Michelle Velez sings her part of the song, "I enjoy singing in front of crowds," Velez said.

During a final rehearsal before the big day, freshman Dontrell Kelly goes through his routine. "I practiced a lot, between 15-45 minutes a day on my keyboard," Kelly said.



Annie Higginbotham

"Man, I am a hot molten volcanic lava bomb dog," said Tim Pivarnik, vice-principal. "I think that prom went excellent this year."

GHS Prom Who spends more?



Nick Trausch
junior

Tuxedo- \$110.00
Shoes- \$30.00
Tickets- \$95.00
Haircut- \$15.00
Pictures- \$25.00
Grand Total= \$275.00



Hillary Baccino
junior

Dress- \$345.00
Jewelry- \$60.00
Shoes- \$45.00
Hair- \$50.00
Manicure & Pedicure- \$70.00
Pictures- \$25.00
Grand Total= \$595.00



Ali Petrucha



Posing for a picture during picture hour, sophomore Kaite Mitchell hands over her camera. "I think picture hour is a good idea, but my mom took way too many pictures of me," said Mitchell.



Josh Long



Josh Long

Awake on the dance floor, senior Kelley Cloghessy struts her stuff. "The music was decent, but some of the songs were boring and not fun to dance to," said senior Kelley Cloghessy.

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A dream come true

Throughout the year, all of the students look forward to the biggest event of the year, Prom. Prom is a time to get all dressed up and share the night with a special someone. This year prom was held on May 2, 2008, at the Halls of Saint George in Schererville.

"I had a fantastic time dancing with my friends at prom," said senior Lauren Pollard. "The food was really good and the desserts were tasty, but the music selection was the only thing that was a little boring," said Pollard.

Everyone has their own opinion after prom has ended, but many cherish the time they had. From picture hour to dinner, ending with the dance, not many people have complaints.

"I really enjoyed the food they served at dinner; the chicken was so good," said freshman Orlando Turner. "I thought Prom was way better than Turnabout."

One complaint that many students did have was that the DJ did not play as many dance songs as they had expected.

"Prom was a good night, but the DJ was just okay. He could have played some better music to keep us on the dance floor," said senior Mark Arndt.

"I thought prom was better than last year because I actually had a date, and more of my friends went," said senior Jamie Freeman. "I thought that the DJ was better this year and played better music; the only thing I didn't like was the food," said Freeman.

Many have their own opinions on prom, but for the most part everyone seems to have a good time and enjoy themselves.



Ali Pietrucha

Arriving to the dance on time and ready for pictures, sophomore Trisha Monroe waits in line with junior Danny Torok. "My favorite part about prom was the dancing, because the music was good," said Monroe.



Josh Long

Ready to boogie, senior Billy Hilbrich and teacher Shannon Scheidel get down on the dance floor. "I was teaching Billy how to dance the cupid shuffle since he didn't know how," said Scheidel.

Getting jiggy with it, junior Kristen Grann dances with her friends. "This was my first prom at Griffith," said Grann. "It was a good experience and I thought that Dj was pretty good."

Dressed to impress, sophomore Kiara Gragido moves to the beat. "Prom was an adventure. I was with people I usually wouldn't be with and it ended up being amazing!"



Josh Long



Josh Long



Josh Long

"When the DJ played 'I Make It Rain' I started throwing out dollar bills," said junior Ryan Dixon. "People were scrambling to pick the money up off the ground."

Dancing with his date, senior Matt Post experiences a great night. "I thought the DJ was okay," said Post. "Prom was the bomb. It was the perfect way to end my senior year."



Josh Long



**Ryan Gallher &
Priscilla Sepulveda**



**Mark Blount &
Hillary Baccino**



**Kevin Konopasek
& Morgan Momcilovich**

PROM



**Sean Perez &
Kristen Yost**



King and Queen
Sean Perez & Morgan Momcilovich

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**Trevor Janke &
Almee Johnson**



Josh Long

"Prom was amazing, and I loved my dress," said sophomore Alexis Mata. "I borrowed it from Brittany Evanich. We had 20 people in our limo, but it was definitely entertaining."

Sitting on the steps outside of the Cheesecake Factory, senior Jake Terpstra texts his friends. "After prom our whole group took a limo downtown to eat. The food was fire."



Josh Long



Sitting at Senior Banquet, seniors Timothy Cooper, Mark Arndt, and John Tonkovich talk amongst each other. This is one of the last times that the boys will be together as seniors.

Josh Long

After the graduation ceremony, the class of 2008 went to the fieldhouse to receive their diplomas and throw their caps. This marked the end of being a part of GHS.

Leaving Griffith High School for the last time, seniors Casey Nunez and Rachel Convery say their goodbyes to each other. "I'm glad that it is finally over," said Nunez.

page by Rachel Convery

No looking back...

Senior year has come and gone. This is the year students look forward to from the beginning of high school. The seniors have the most experience in the school, walking around thinking they are the best. It is their year to get ready to move onto bigger and better things. They finally get to experience the "real world."

At the end of the year, seniors get to do things the underclassmen don't. They get out of classes for senior meetings and they get out early on May 23rd, instead of the regular May 30th.

Seniors look forward to "Senior Banquet" knowing that "Senior Ditch Day" is the day after. Although not every senior gets to ditch because of sports or because they don't have any days left, but they make the best of it.

Students tend to slack off during the last couple months of school, but seniors get "senioritis" and they use that as the excuse. Seniors know that it is their last year and have already been accepted to college, so high school to them is over.

Then the one day every senior dreams about comes, Graduation. After 12 years of going to school, with most of the same people, it is time to leave. This year the ceremony was held on June 1st, in the high school main gym.

After the ceremony is over, the seniors aren't students of Griffith High School anymore, they are alumni. The class of 2008 have started their lives. And after they leave, there is "no looking back."

Senior Banquet, was held at the Patrician Banquet Center. Seniors Cait Lackey and Cassie Bailey laugh at memories of their Griffith High School experiences.



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Senior Superlatives 2008

Best to Bring Home

to Mom and Dad

Miranda Pope, Josh Long & Dan Rukes

Most Likely to Live in G-Town Forever

Brooke Miller & David Alexander (not pictured)

Cutest Couple

Adriana Mitre & TJ Herrera

Prettiest Eyes

Kelly Cloghessy & Rex Cullen

Funniest

Lauren Winecki & Zach Macak

Most Likely to Succeed

Ellen Hurdish & Nick Ficht

Most Musical

Allison Colgrove & Dwight Poole

Most School Spirit

Janie Freeman & Justin Jones

Best Dancer

Ali Hartman & Desmond Neylon

Most Likely to be Famous

Brittany Juris (not pictured) & Dwight Poole

Most Artistic

Cait Lackey & Danny Maglish

Best Hair

Brittany Evanich & Dan Domsic

Class Clown

Alexis Hartman & Jimi Nunez

Looks Most

Different from 9th Grade

Rhianna Koepf & Jon Little

Best Body

Miranda Pope, Brittany Bridges & Desmond Neylon

Most Unique

Tara Villa & Dwight Poole

Most Athletic

Brittany Bridges & Doug Ashenbaugh

Best Smile

Cathy Rudzinski (not pictured), Lauren Winecki & Kenny Korpela

Most Likely to Brighten Your Day

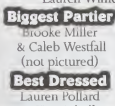
Lauren Winecki & Billy Hilbrich

Biggest Partier

Brooke Miller & Caleb Westfall (not pictured)

Best Dressed

Lauren Pollard & Tim Schell



Senior 2008 Facts

Class Size: 207

Class Flower: Gerber Daisy

Class Colors: Tiffany Blue and Ivory

Class Song: "Best Days" - Graham Colton

Class Motto: "All our yesterdays are summarized in our now, and all our tomorrows are ours to shape."

Senior Banquet: May 4th, 2008, Patrician Banquet Center

Graduation: June 1st, 2008, Main Gym, 2:00 pm

Valedictorian: Ellen Hurdish

Salutatorian: Amy Fitzgerald

Class Sponsors: Betty Hoyle and Russ Radtke



Josh Long

Main
Office



Collect \$200

Honor Society
Induction

Move to the
Main Office

Prom Planning
Meeting

Lose a Turn

Compete at
Academic
Competition

Collect \$200

Miss a
Student
Council
Meeting

Go See the Club
Sponsor

Decide Which
Clubs to Join

Roll Again

Sign Up
to
Vote



Become a
Publication
Staff Member

Collect \$50

ACES Fieldtrip

Pay \$20

Build a Float
for
Homecoming

Pay \$50

Club Picture
Day

Lose a Turn

Go to See
Godspell

Pay \$5

See
the
Club
Sponsor

Making the right move

There are a lot of clubs here at Griffith that most students do not appreciate. Joining a club is a great way to make new friends and help the community. Every year, clubs complete numerous service projects that benefit a lot of people.

National Honor Society is one club that does service projects throughout the year. As the year progresses and new events happen, their service projects are planned accordingly. For example, after math teacher Marilyn Brunk's tragic accident, National Honor Society sold Christmas cards this year to help costs.

Not only can students join a club at Griffith to help others in the community, but they can also join a club that supports fellow students. Booster Club is a great club to join to help show school spirit. Every year before Homecoming, the Booster Club decorates the student parking lot entrance. Making giant banners, coloring posters, and blowing up balloons are just some of the activities done while decorating.

A lot of students at GHS are in multiple clubs. One busy senior that dedicates a lot of time to clubs is senior Emily Cioroianu. She is the president of Student Council and is also a member of Senior Class Council, English superbowl, and social studies superbowl. Two of her favorite projects she has done include organizing Homecoming and the talent show. "As stressful as it is, organizing Homecoming with Student Council is really great. Talent show is a lot of fun, too," said Cioroianu. "I really like to be right in the middle organizing everything. I enjoy being crazy busy and always having something to do. Plus, each club experience opens new doors to get to know exciting new people and make some intense memories."

Another student is involved in several clubs is sophomore Jessica Ritter. Involved in Student Council, DECA, FCCLA, newspaper staff, and Booster Club, Ritter is extremely busy. "I join clubs because I like to be part of the school," said Ritter.

Josh Long

Participate in
the Food Drive

Roll Again

Learn the
Colorguard
Routine

Lose a Turn

Join Bowling
Club

Pay \$100

Elected
to be a
Club Officer

Advance Directly
to the Main Office

Watch the
Band at
Competition

Roll Again

Sell Christmas
Cards for NHS

Pay \$50

Choir Concert

Roll Again



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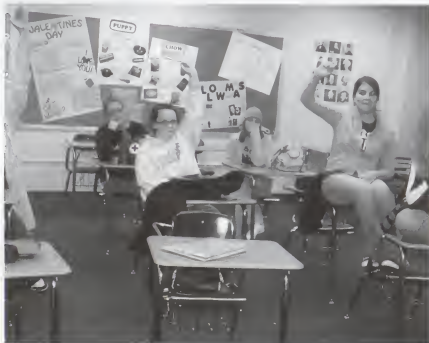
It takes more than you might think to make everything functional when you are in clubs. Making everything go right is essential to success. This cannot be done unless planning occurs. For every event that takes place, there had to have been some kind of planning involved. There is less of a chance for error when the time has been taken to plan for an event of any kind.

Planning is required for everything. Choir concerts, field trips, school publications, and everything else requires time and planning. If you don't plan for a concert, the whole thing can fall apart. If you don't plan for a field trip, it can be a complete disaster. If you don't make sure your school publications are just right, they can be printed with errors. No one ever wants anything like that to go wrong, and taking time to plan can help you avoid possible disasters.

"We have to practice a lot and make sure we know the music," said Melissa Moisant, sophomore, on planning and practicing for band performances.

"When we have to make a decision for something, we take a vote," said Amber Crook, sophomore, on International Club.

Having the ability to plan for any kind of event takes a lot of confidence. Not everyone can handle it. Many people think that planning for something simple is easy and doesn't take a lot of effort, but that isn't true. It actually takes a lot of work to make sure that everything is functional and goes exactly the way it is supposed to go.



Josh Long

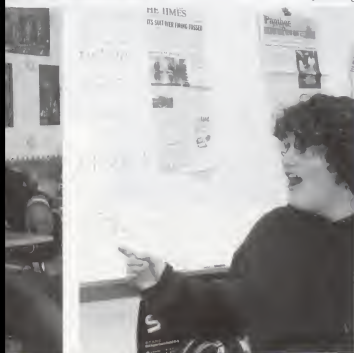
For Senior Class Council, senior Emily Cioroiu, right, votes on preparations for graduation. "There is a lot more planning for graduation than everyone thinks," said Cioroiu.

Always ready to evaluate auditions, Lisa Megquier, drama and English, looks at the script. "This (Juvies) was a play that could have had anywhere from 6-19 people, so it was really open," said Megquier.





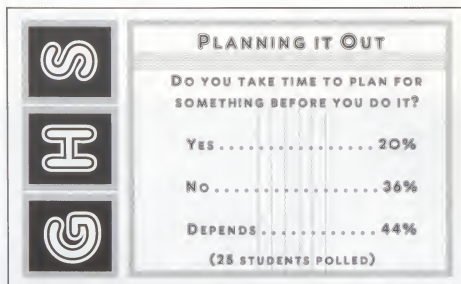
Josh Long



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"We were trying to think of an original quote to put on the poster," said sophomore Jessica Ritter. Booster club was painting a sign for Homecoming.



David Kujawa

Signing up for the Halo 3 tournament, sophomore Eddie Boncela prepares to play. "It was fun. I pretty much knew I was going to win," said Boncela.

Newspaper planning takes time. "Planning for newspaper is really exciting and really tough to do, but we just work hard until we can get it done," said Dan Domsic, senior.

Playing her trumpet, sophomore Jane Hurdish marches in step through her charts. "All the hard work paid off this year," said Hurdish. "We put in over 80 hours of band camp in the summer."

Being sassy, freshman Imani Ross moves with the flow of music with a flag routine. "Being in the color guard was thrilling," said Ross. "It was like being part of a family full of sisters."



Cait Lackey



David Kujawa

On senior night, senior Cathy Rudzinski stands at attention patiently waiting for the whistle commands. "I have been in band since fifth grade," said Rudzinski, who plays the alto saxophone.

Gazing down at students entering the gym, freshman Casey McDaniel waits to play for her first pep rally. "Being in the drumline, and the only freshman, was an awesome experience," stated McDaniel.



Josh Long



“GET IN STEP!”

page by Raquel Mazur

-Jason Pearman, band

Most people assume that students that are in band are “losers”, “geeks”, or “nerds”, but at GHS, that is definitely not true. The band students work throughout the summer, three days a week for three hours a day, and then band camp starts the last two weeks of summer vacation. This year, they tallied up over 80 hours of band camp, being outside 85% of the time from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with an hour lunch break.

The soul fact is that the students in band work very hard to put on an outstanding show for football game half-times. This year, they even added a color guard, after not having one for over ten years.

All the hard work paid off when the band and color guard went to South Bend, Indiana to compete in the ISSMA marching competition with their show, which happened to be the *Blues Brothers*. With a little bit of *Soul Man*, they *Flip, Flop, and Flied* their way into making the judges *Think! they could Turn Loose* a gold for the very first time in the 100 years of GHS.

“[The band] is the strongest group I’ve had since I’ve been here,” said Jason Pearman, band. “Adding a color guard this year definitely helped, too.”

Band isn’t all hard work, though. During all the long hours put in, there is always time for some fun and relaxation.

“My favorite memory this year would have to be when the drumline played baseball in the hallway before a football game,” said Jake Anderson, sophomore. “We used random percussion pieces as bases.”



David Kujawa



Josh Long

Getting ready to play for the pep rally, senior Ellen Hurdish, above, settles in. “I prefer marching season, because the instrument I play [oboe] isn’t even made for pep band,” said Hurdish.

MATCH THE PERSON TO THEIR INSTRUMENT!



CARLY DUNN
JUNIOR



JAIME FREEMAN
SENIOR



RON HIGGINBOTHAM
SOPHOMORE

PERCUSSION/
COLOR GUARD

H
TRUMPET

S
TENOR SAX

Answers-Carly: percussion/colorguard/Jaime: trumpet/Ron: tenor sax



THE TOUGH TIMES



SAMMI HOLMES
JUNIOR

"THE HARDEST THING FOR *THE EDGE* WOULD BE TRYING TO PUT EVERYTHING TOGETHER AT THE END."

"IN NEWSPAPER, THE HARDEST THING WOULD BE COMPLETING ALL OF OUR BRAINSTORMING ON TIME."



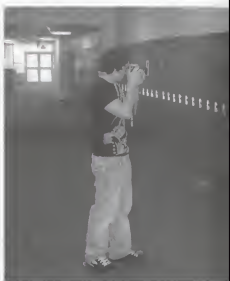
CASEY NUNEZ
SENIOR

"MAKING SURE EVERYTHING ON THE PAGES ARE FIXED AND GETTING SPREADS SENT OUT ON TIME IS THE HARDEST THING IN YEARBOOK."



DAN DOMSIC
SENIOR

"I am usually very stressed out in yearbook because I have to take so many pictures," said senior Josh Long, who is capturing a mug shot for someone on yearbook staff.



page by Lauren Winiecki

WRITING OUT LOUD

For many students at Griffith High, writing, designing, and creating publications is part of everyday school life. GHS contains three publications classes, which include *The Edge* (magazine), the *Panther Press* (newspaper), and the *Reflector* (yearbook).

Sophomore Sara McInerney has been a member of *Panther Press* for almost a year, and is currently the sports editor and a page designer. "I really like everyone on staff, and I think that participating in *Panther Press* will help me in the future," said McInerney.

"I enjoy writing about different topics and really enjoy brainstorming with the entire class," said senior Devin Heller.

Heller has been on *Panther Press* for two years and is currently a staff writer for the newspaper.

"Yearbook is hard work and takes a lot of dedication, but in the end it is worth it," said sophomore Kiara Gragido.

"I am really glad that I am involved in yearbook because it is interesting to learn how to design pages for the yearbook. I am glad that I have some input on how our yearbook turns out," said junior Frances Pietrucha.

Many of the students that attend Griffith High really do not understand how difficult any publications class can be. The students that are involved in these classes have many responsibilities, such as creating spreads, interviewing, doing research, creating polls, writing stories, correcting mistakes, brainstorming, and most importantly making sure deadlines are made. Publications provide information and memories for all Griffith High students to look back on.





David Kujawa



Josh Long

While chatting with a friend, sophomore Sara Winiacki works on her current story. "I enjoy *Panther Press* because I really like writing and I want to be a journalist," said Winiacki.

Ready to correct mistakes, junior Chrissy Obermeyer looks over a yearbook spread and checks for errors. "Yearbook is my favorite class because it is easy and I enjoy everyone in this class," said Obermeyer.



David Kujawa



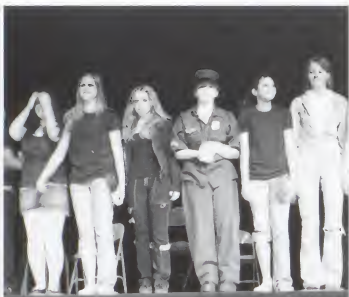
Josh Long



Josh Long

Excitedly going over her pages, junior Brittany Cabrales is editing the content. "This [*The Edge*] is the most incredible magazine because we are allowed to write whatever we want," said Cabrales.

Enjoying free time in *The Edge*, senior Brittany Evanich jokes around with senior Lauren Pollard. "We have a lot of free time in *The Edge* because we are given nine weeks to create only four pages," said Evanich.



Josh Long

Taking their final bow, sophomore Trisha Keown explains her feelings on this being the last performance. "I was relieved when it was over because there'd be no more practice, but I was sad because I'd miss all the great people in the production."

Reaching for Jesus, the cast of *Godspell* performs the last scene. "Godspell was very stressful because we had to be at the school like a billion gillion hours a week, but it was worth it," said senior, Josh Long.



Klara Gragido

"I was trying to teach people my awesome dance moves before we went on stage," said sophomore Alexis Mata. Junior Catherine Kus was one of the many trying to learn the two-step.



FINISH THE SENTENCE

"REMEMBER MY CHILD, THAT ALL THE GOOD THINGS FELL....."



"...to you while you were on Earth, and all the bad to Lois."

ALI KITNER
JUNIOR

"...to you when you were on Earth, and return to you when you die?"

CHRISY GOLGROVE
FRESHMAN



"...to you while you were on Earth, and all the bad to Lois."

CATHERINE KUS
JUNIOR

"...to you while you were on Earth, and all the bad to Lois."

LARRY MATOVINA
JUNIOR



Answer:

to you while you were on Earth, and all the bad to Lois.



To get ready for *Godspell*, senior Zach Koch warms up with the cast. "Godspell was a way for me to express myself in an energetic environment with my friends."

page by Kiara Gragido

"ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE"

AND ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN MERELY PLAYERS"

Shakespeare wrote this well-known quote in 1599. Shakespeare was a talented writer and poet. He started the ever-so popular trend of theatre. John-Michael Tebelak followed this trend by writing *Godspell*, a play and movie that hit the scene in 1971. Griffith immediately fell in love.

Godspell is a rock musical based loosely on the Gospel According to St. Matthew, and is a whimsical blend of mime, charades, vaudeville routines and impersonations.

Griffith High School put on *Godspell* November 16, 17, and 18 starting at 7 P.M., on Friday and Saturday, and 3 P.M. on Sunday. The turnout was spectacular and the response was even greater. There wasn't a dry eye in the auditorium.

Not only did the high school put on the beloved production of *Godspell*, but they took the 30 minute one act play, "JUVIE" written by Jerome McDonough to regionals January 19 and then to the state competition on the weekend of March 14, 15, and 16.

Set in a juvenile detention center, *JUVIE* depicts the life of kids who are scared, lonely and locked up.

On April 12, the drama department held their annual Drama Night, a night of different plays. This year, Drama Night consisted of the extended version of "JUVIE" and a student directed play "Dwight's Play" written and directed by senior Dwight Poole.

"Dwight's Play" is a short play about a young man who sees a psychiatrist due to the guilt he feels about his children's death.



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Happily worshipping, the cast stood amazed at Jesus. "Godspell was by far my favorite play that I've been a part of. The cast was amazing and I had the time of my life," said senior Allison Colgrove.



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Elizabeth Thrall, Zach Kisfalusi, Nicole Poole, Michelle Sopetti, Michelle Velez, Kylee Ulm, Jimmy Burch, Alexis Mata, Alicia Begeski, Kimberlee Swender, Jeremy Starks, Jeff Melton, Chrissy Colgrove, Valerie Scholte, Clarence Young, Michelle Plucinski, Trisha Keown, Jake Long, Amy Belcher, Cory Jung, Chrissy Leslie, Lisa Megquier, Eddie Covarrubias, Kevin Corey, Scott MacFarland, Keith Mitchell, Jason Gast, Kyle Lidster, Dwight Poole, Michael Beck, Lauren Pollard, Josh Long, Zach Koch, Catherine Kus, Larry Matovina, Kiara Gragido, Ali Kitter, Nick Ficht, Daniella Alvarez, Laura Polise, Dan Domsic, Maddy Goodman, Erica Edwards, Brittany Evanich, Billy Hilbrich, Jamie Walenkiewicz, Kellie Blaski, Jim Graff, Melissa Stadnik, Brooke Hobbs, Elizabeth Biancardi, Megan Gale, Courtney Koleski, Jamie Keller, Danny Maglish, Dan Rukes

page by Steve Aguilera

SINGING YOUR OWN TUNE

Choir is an elective taken by many students at GHS. Everyone takes the class for different reasons. Some students take the class because they consider it a blow off class, and some take it because their friends are in it. Others are in choir simply because they love to sing. Whatever the reason, there is no doubt that the GHS choir is full of talent.

There are many different things one can accomplish when in choir. Some may want to win competitions. "My main goals are to go to state for ISSMA and to get into Chorale," said sophomore Jimmy Burch. This year, Burch took silver at the ISSMA district competition, which took place at Munster High School on January 26.

Others may strive for self improvement. "I just honestly want to become more confident in singing in front of people," said sophomore Ashley Dodson. Everyone has their own goal they wish to accomplish.

Many students want to get into the GHS Chorale. Chorale takes a trip every year, usually to another state. This year, chorale took a three day trip to New York. They saw such things as Time's Square, The Lion King and Hairspray on Broadway, and The Statue of Liberty.

Everyone has their reasons for being in choir. Whether it's to win competitions, improve one's skills, or go on an amazing trip. The GHS choir is full of talent and promise. There is no doubt that everyone will go far. Who knows what kind of things are in store for next year.



On stage at the Winter Choir Concert, sophomore Chrissy Leslie sings a solo for "How Long." "Last year I had some stage fright, but I finally got over it this year," said Leslie.

On the trip to New York, senior Stephen Bakko, and juniors Destiny Cox and Brandon Rukes stand outside Planet Hollywood. "Going on that trip was amazing," said Bakko.



Learning Beatles' songs in Eddie Covarrubias's choir class, freshman Zach Pirtle waits to learn his part. "This is my first year in choir, and I like being able to sing," said Pirtle.



Josh Long



Ali Pietrucha

Singing with the Choralettes, freshman Jasmine Mata sings songs, such as "Johnny's a Soldier". "I really liked Johnny's a Soldier" because it felt like it meant something," said Mata.

To impress the audience, sophomore Rachel Dennison sings with the Concert Choir II group. "Concerts are interesting because all the songs are different," said Dennison.

Josh Long



TJ Herrera

BEST PARTS OF BROADWAY

HAIRSPRAY

- ASHLEY PARKER ANGEL WAS IN IT. HE WAS AMAZING.
- THE WHOLE CAST WAS SKILLED WITH SINGING AND DANCING. YOU COULD TELL THEY KNEW WHAT THEY WERE DOING.
- IT WAS ALSO REALLY FUNNY HOW THEY ALL HAD CRAZY HAIR-SPRAYED HAIR.



DESTINY COX
JUNIOR

THE LION KING

- ALL OF THE COSTUMES WERE EXTREMELY UNIQUE.
- THE WOMAN THAT PLAYED RAFIKI WAS INSANE. YOU COULDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT SHE WAS SAYING.
- THE MUSIC AND THE WHOLE CAST WERE ON CUE.



BRANDON
RUKES
JUNIOR

WE NEED \$\$\$!

page by Raquel Mazur

There are many options at GHS to help give back to the community. Students are given the chance to participate in food drives, disease foundations, and helping fellow students' clubs or sports. Sometimes it is the only way to get money for certain clubs, such as International Club.

"We sold candy sticks so far this year, and plan to come up with more [fundraisers]," sophomore Maddy Goodman, co-president of International Club, stated.

Club members are not the only students that partake in fundraisers. Rebecca Franker, a sophomore Pantherette, helped sell Krispy Kreme donuts at the football games this year.

"We sold twenty or more boxes a game, and each box was six dollars, or fifty cents for one [donut]," said Franker. "It was very beneficial. We had to keep getting more boxes because there was such a high demand."

The choir program sold cookie dough, raising \$2,600, which went to the chorale and to help pay for buses for the 2008 Spring Break trip to New York. They also held a pancake breakfast, where tickets were sold five dollars for adults and three dollars for children. A profit of \$1,300 was made.

There are many different ways to help out clubs, sports, or academic clubs, and most of the time, it benefits you, too!

Showing off his pancake-making skills, junior Brandon Rukes flips two pancakes at once. "I had a blast," said Rukes. "I love making food." Working helped pay for the New York trip for choral.



Josh Long



GET SOME CENTS!

"THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE PENNY WAR WAS..."



"WHEN MRS. SLOAN'S CLASS HID OUR PENNIES, BRIBED THE PEOPLE WITH SILVER COINS WITH CANDY, AND PUT HOODIES AT THE BOTTOM OF THE DOOR TO BLOCK UNWANTED MONEY."

VIVIAN PEREZ, SOPHOMORE

TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED-\$1300
AMOUNT TO MRS. BRUNK-\$950



"WHEN MRS. PRAMUK TOLD THE OFFICE ONLY HALF OF WHAT OUR CLASS HAD ACTUALLY COLLECTED TO TRY TO MAKE IT SEEM LIKE WE WEREN'T IN THE RACE AT ALL."

DANIEL KELLER, JUNIOR



Walking to find a cure with fellow DECA members, senior Tim Schell walks in the Multiple Sclerosis walk at Purdue Calumet. "We raised three hundred dollars altogether," said Schell.



Kim Petrick



Annie Higginbotham

Debating what candle to pick out, junior Amanda Craven points to the one she might want. "I'm not in softball, but I bought one to help support the team," said Craven.



Raquel Mazur



Jason Pearman

At the 2008 band fundraiser dinner, sophomore Eric Sanders rocks out his solo on the snare drum. "I wasn't nervous because I learned how to conquer my nerves at competition," said Sanders

Donating blood for the first time, sophomore Barry Baltrusis describes it as being "honorable." "I wasn't afraid of the needle because I took it like a man," Baltrusis donated a pint of blood.

page by Angela Kepchar and Steve Aguilera

LAST YEAR FOR ACES

ACES is a government funded program sponsored by Terri Ramos, librarian. It is made up of students from each grade.

In order to be in ACES, students take a test in the sixth grade, and based on their score, they were admitted into ACES.

The group has been around for many years; however, after this year, ACES will cease to exist. "The state has decided that, for some reason, it would be beneficial to cut the funding for ACES, instead of cutting the funding for something less educational and worthwhile, like National Honor Society," said sophomore Raquel Mazur.

One of the things ACES is known for is taking amazing field trips. This year alone, they went to the Exotic Feline Rescue Center, Shakespeare Theater, the Courthouse in Indianapolis, a Blue Man Concert, and the Tall Ship Windy in Chicago. "I like how the trips are educational and fun at the same time," said freshman Cassie Christenson.

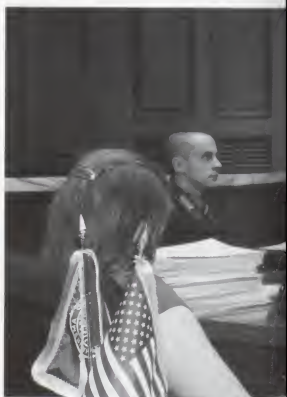
As stated earlier, this is the last year for ACES. "I'm disappointed because the trips were a good break from learning from textbooks," said sophomore Jake Long. After this year, all the amazing trips end, and students will have to go back to learning in the classroom.



Raquel Mazur

Sailing on Tall Ship Windy at Chicago's Navy Pier, junior Charisse Bogan steers the ship back to port. "[I just loved] watching the sails when we were sailing," said Bogan.

As silence falls upon the courtroom, a serious atmosphere arises. "Going to the State Courthouse was a great opportunity to see first hand how the governing system works," said senior Josh Long.



"The concert was one of my favorite ACES trips because the Blue Men interacted with their audience after the show," said senior Casey Nunez. Many people enjoyed becoming a "blue man".

While waiting to eat at Leona's in Chicago, freshmen Michelle Sopeni, Cassie Christenson, and Elizabeth Biancardi talk about the highlights of the Blue Man Group Concert.



Raquel Mazur



Raquel Mazur



Raquel Mazur

Sailing by a nearby lighthouse in Chicago, sophomore Zach Kisfalusi enjoys the view on his cruise through the lake. "The lighthouse was very interesting to see," said Kisfalusi, "and I didn't get seasick."



Annie Higginbotham

WHO LIKED WHICH TRIP THE MOST?

A. OCTOBER
TRIP TO EXOTIC FE-
LINE RESCUE CENTER

1. COURTNEY MASSA

B. NOVEMBER
TRIP TO SHAKESPEARE
THEATRE

2. MADDY GOODMAN

C. FEBRUARY
TRIP TO COURTHOUSE
IN INDIANAPOLIS

3. BILLY HILBRICH

D. APRIL
TRIP TO SEE BLUE
MAN GROUP

E. MAY
TRIP TO WINDY CITY
SAILING

GET IT?



Learning about "the joy of history", senior Ashley Roll consults the Social Studies Super Bowl sponsor, Jim Pickett, social studies. "The meetings are fun and we get to learn stuff you normally don't," said Roll.

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BRAINS OVER BRAWN

Competition is a big part of every high school: different schools going up against each other for a certain title, or students going up against each other in classes in review games and the like. Most people think sports when they think high school competitions, but athletics isn't the only area where high school students strive for victory. They also use their intellect in academic teams, and compete with other schools using their minds. At GHS, there are several academic teams that have competed throughout the year.

There is the whole Super Bowl battalion, which consists of the English, Fine Arts, Social Studies, Science, and Math Super Bowl teams. These teams compete individually at competitions, but they also work together as well, around a specific topic. This year, the shared topic was the Civil War.

In addition to the Super Bowl teams, there is also the Science Olympiad team, which also competes with other schools.

"There's usually two practices a week that are team meetings," said junior Larry Matovina, a member of the Science Olympiad.

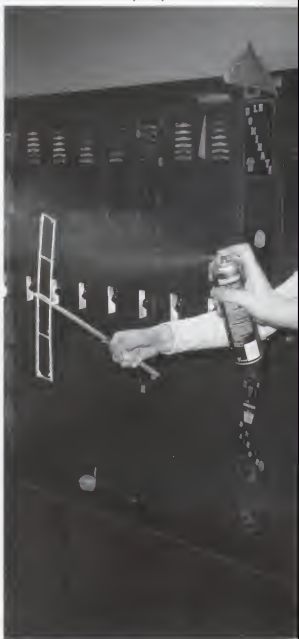
"A lot of it [studying] is individually, on our own."

"[For competitions] you take tests," said sophomore Daniel Rodriguez, who joined the Science Olympiad team three years ago. "They quiz you on different areas of science, or you can do experiments or create different things."

Students put a lot of dedication into these teams. They stay after school and come in early to work, and it all pays off when they go up against their intellectual rivals at other schools. Just because these kids aren't jocks does not mean they aren't "in it to win it."

Studying hard, senior Candice Tripp and junior Michelle Plucinski pour over books for Fine Arts Super Bowl. "It's thrilling," said Tripp. "We study all about music and art. It's all great."

Lost in concentration, sophomore Jane Hurdish analyzes a book for English Super Bowl. "I like reading books and discussing them," said Hurdish, who said the only bad part of English Bowl is reading poems.



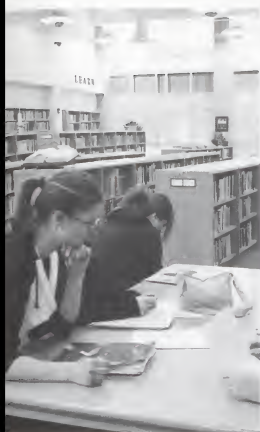


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GUESS THE FUNCTION OF EACH INVENTION



1. PHILIP



2. FALCON



3. BOAB

A. ACTS AS A CRANE

B. HOLDS SAND

C. PICKS UP OBJECTS
AND POPS BALLOONS

REVEAL



After school, juniors Beth Thrall and Larry Matovina glue mylar to an airplane for the Science Olympiads. "It's [Science O.] academically challenging, but at the same time so rewarding," said Matovina.

"I like science. I like that I get to study different areas of it than we learn in class," said sophomore Zachary Kisfalusi. Kisfalusi, with freshman Matthew Grahovac discuss Ohm's Law for Science Bowl.



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"It is the moment before you release the ball that everything seems to disappear," said senior Jake Edwards. Edwards enjoys attending Bowling Club and having a good time.

Bowling at Plaza Lanes, senior Daniel Velez throws the ball. "This is a gutter ball demonstration," said Velez. "Mr. Gast is the man," he added.

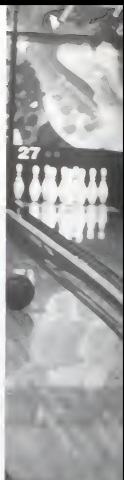


David Kujawa

After throwing another ball, senior Talia McKinstry walks back to sit down. "I was hoping to get a strike, but I don't think that was the way things worked out," said McKinstry.



David Kujawa



DO'S AND DON'TS OF BOWLING



DO THROW THE BALL WITH FORWARD PROGRESS.



DON'T RELEASE THE BALL TOO EARLY, CAUSING IT TO GO BEHIND YOU.



DO KEEP THE BALL IN YOUR LANE.

DON'T THROW THE BALL IN THE NEXT LANE OVER.

DO HIT THE PINS.

DON'T HIT INNOCENT BYSTANDERS.

While the ball is rolling down the lane, senior Kenny Kurpela watches where it goes. "It's a lot of fun. Plus, my teammates give me a lot of support," said Kurpela.



SPARES TO STRIKE

The bowling club is a good pastime for a lot of people. Many just enjoy getting out of the house and going to bowl. Some people join the bowling club to prepare themselves for the Bowling Team. The bowling club meets at Plaza Lanes at 3:30 p.m. every Thursday.

"It is just a fun thing to do. It's cheap, and it's good practice for high school," said sophomore Andrew Thomas.

"I've been doing it for three years now. It's good fun to have with friends, (senior) Steve Barnard and (senior) Doug Osborn," said senior Jake Edwards.

Some people join bowling club to bowl, while others join to hang out with people and just have a good time.

"I enjoy it because I like hanging out with my friends. You can't tell it's school related, and Mr. Gast is cool," said junior Talia McKinstry.

Many people enjoy being with friends and having something to do during the week. For that reason, people join the club. It is an experience you can't get anywhere else. Bowling is a good way to just relax and forget about everything else for a little while. It can really help you just feel good.

"Our team, the Hole Pounders, is awesome because we are dominant. Everyone should join (Bowling Club) because it is quite the experience," said sophomore Ryan Voges.

No matter what your reason may be for joining bowling club, it is always entertaining. There are different reasons for different people. Everyone, though, comes together to have an enjoyable time. No matter what you prefer, there is always fun to have while bowling. Whether you like to bowl, or you like to just relax and hang out with friends, bowling club is an interesting thing to be involved in.



David Kujawa



David Kujawa

With a smile on his face, sophomore Ryan Voges prepares to run and throw the ball down the lane at Plaza Lanes. "I enjoy bowling for fun, not competition," said Voges.

Cur Lockey

page by Kaitlyn Sudac

HELPING HANDS

Every year, students of every grade join a club. Why not? It's entertaining, helps out the school, and looks good on college applications. One important factor that is overlooked are the people who make those clubs function. Club sponsors demonstrate responsibility, time management, and organizational skills.

Most club sponsors are your teachers, such as: Rachel Miller, English, and Betty Hoyle, English, sponsor student council, Christine Chidichimo, math, sponsors math bowl, Shannon Scheidel, Lynn Rhodes, and Diane Soucie, family and consumer science, sponsor FCCLA, and Sheila Vaclavik, English, sponsors National Honor Society.

A club sponsor can sometimes be put under a lot of stress with all the students they deal with in one day.

"[At times] being a club sponsor can be stressful, having to make sure everything gets done," said Scheidel.

Some clubs aren't as easy to join. National Honor Society has strict requirements in order to be apart of it.

"To even be considered for NHS you have to have a 3.5 or above. Then, they fill out a community service sheet of their outside activities. They are also awarded points on how high their teacher evaluations are," said Vaclavik.

To have a club sponsor is an honor and a privilege. Without their contribution, there would be no clubs to join.



Jessica Mendoza

Co-sponsor Luann Pramuk, social studies, sponsors sophomore class council for many different reasons. "It allows me to spend extra time with students to know them on a personal level," said Pramuk.

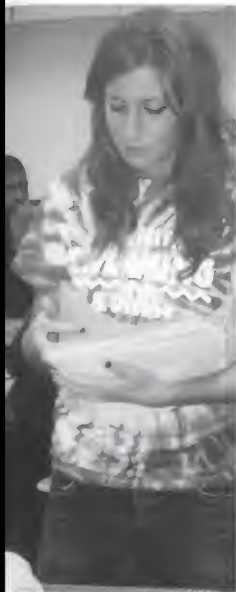


Jessica Mendoza

To help the Social Studies Superbowl be the best they can be, Jim Pickett, social studies, meets with the group after school every Friday. "We work extra hard to get ourselves prepared."

Conversing in the hallway with another teacher, Shiela Vaclavik, English said, "I enjoy sponsoring NHS because it's rewarding to see students involved in school and the community."





Ali Pietrucha

Passing out papers, FCCLA sponsor Shannon Scheidel, family and consumer science, said, "I like all the involvement by the girls, and we were all surprised by how many girls joined."

Being DECA sponsor for the second year, Kim Peirick, business, said, "I am a sponsor because I like working with kids who are involved outside the classroom, and seeing them grow into their areas of interest."



Jessica Mendoza



Ali Pietrucha

MIX N' MATCH



A.

MEGHAN MACAK,
SOPHOMORE

Match the student to the club that they belong to, and the advisor to the club that they sponsor.

D.



BETTY HOYLE,
ENGLISH

B.

DAVID BALDAZO,
FRESHMAN



G

H

S

E.

DIANE SOUCIE,
FCS



C.

JESSICA RITTER,
SOPHOMORE

1. FCCLA
2. BOWLING CLUB
3. STUDENT COUNCIL

F.

JASON GAST,
ART



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row 1: Adrianna Mitre, Alexis Hartman, Gina Gilge, Amanda Stinnett, Aimee Johnson, Jessica Knight, Amber Reed, Destiny Cox **row 2:** Kellie Bubala, Michelle Plucinski, Ali Kitner, Daniel Rukes, Matt Cavazos, Allison Colgrove, Eddie Covarrubias **row 3:** Mike Tinich, Brandon Rukes, Nick Ficht, Stephen Bakko, TJ Herrera, Larry Matovina **row 4:** Zach Koch, Trevor Janke, Ryan Galihier, Steve Aguilera, Keith Mitchell



row 1: Kyle McCarley, Clarence Young, Joshua Kisfalusi, Daniel Kime, Keith Lidster, Jeffrey Tinich, Eddie Covarrubias **row 2:** Cody Modglin, Joe Zuniga, Zach Pirle, David Baldazo, Kyle Jusic, Chris Melton, Tyler Vestal **row 3:** Matt Grahovac, Ari Lowe, Orlando Turner, Brian Beaupain, Christopher Plucinski, Christopher Cumow, Garmal Gibbs, Dontrell Kelly **row 4:** Jake Witt, Eric Brumley, Calvin Bonewits, Jonathan Acevedo, Daniel Huzzie, Brandon Soy, Matt Ficht



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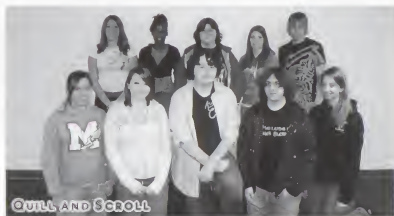
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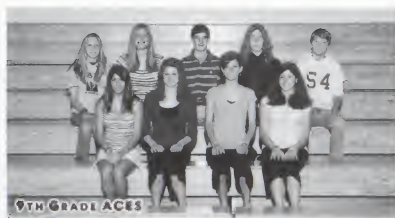
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row 1: Billy Glass, Katherine Kuna, Tim Schell, Caitlin McCabe
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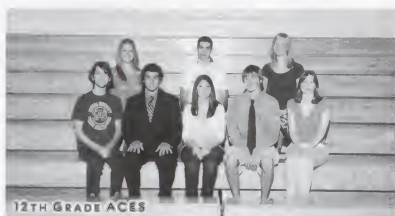
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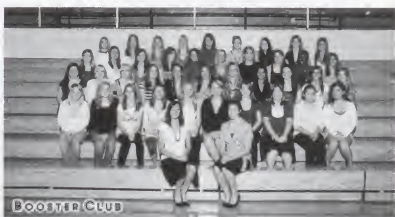
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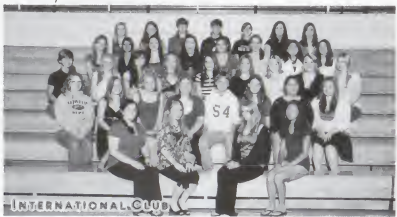
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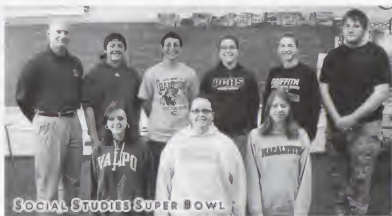


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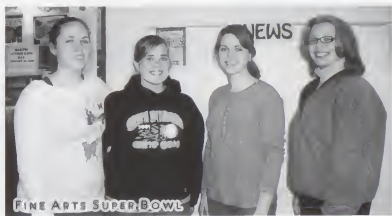
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Samantha Royal, Michelle Plucinski, Candice Tripp, Terri Ramos

Main
Office



Collect \$200

School
Registration

Advance 2 Spaces

Pay Book
and Class
Fees

Graduation
Day

Roll Again

Last Day of
School

Advance 2 Spaces

Senior
Ditch Day

Lose a Turn

Ditch School
and Get
Caught

Advance Directly
to Detention



Finally Senior
Year

Advance 2 Spaces

Spring Break

Pay \$200

Freshman
Year Begins

First Day of
School

Midterms

DETENTION

Advance 2 Spaces

Lose a Turn

Pay \$20

The Game of High School

The whole game begins the first day of freshman year. For the next four years following that day, students are caught in a whirlwind of trying to balance everything from school to work to relationships, eventually trying to come out successful by graduating.

Beginning freshman year is one of the most exciting, as well as the most terrifying times, of high school. Coming into a new school, being an underclassman, and trying to find each classroom are all intimidating.

"I was really nervous, but it was easier because I had all my sisters," said freshman Laura Hurdish. "I expected to be shoved down the stairs because I'm a freshman."

Finally, sophomore year comes, and things start to get a little easier as far as knowing the school and what to expect. But classes don't get any less demanding, and unfortunately there are still two more years left of high school after sophomore year.

Sophomore Ryan Voges does not think that sophomore year is harder than freshman year, though. "I'm used to high school," said Voges. He also looks forward to his next two years. "I enjoy being in high school."

Junior year begins at last. Even though graduation is far off in the distance, "senioritis" begins to kick in for a lot of students towards the end of junior year. It is finally time to start stressing about choosing a career and thinking of which colleges might be best to go to. It may seem early, but there seems to be almost no time once senior year arrives.

After three long years of high school, it is senior year. Reality begins to set in the first day after realizing it will be the last first day of high school. The year passes by extremely fast, and graduation is coming nearer. It will be sad to leave friends at graduation, and most people will never see each other again. At the same time, it is an exciting end to the game of high school. After graduation, a summer of unforgettable memories will follow, and then college will finally begin.

Josh Long

Fall Break

Lose a Turn

Sophomore
Year

Roll Again

Take Finals

Advance 1 Space

Take a
College Day

Advance Directly
to the Main Office

Half Day

Take the
SATs

Junior Year

Roll Again

Pay \$50

Lose a Turn

Glad for the bit of extra time to get caught up, Luann Pramuk, social studies, enters grades into the book. "I need to keep track of things, or else I lose track of everything I need to be organized," Pramuk said.

What do you hate most about your job?



"I really, really, really, really, really hate it when people don't follow directions you repeat like five million times."

~Scott MacFarland, business

"There isn't anything I hate most about my job. You always have good days and bad days."

~Sarah Cohen, ISTED

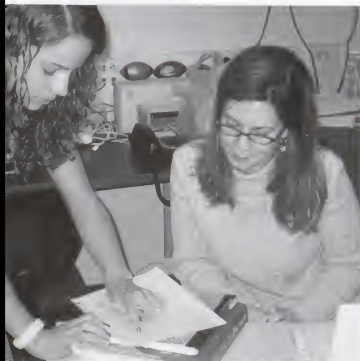


"When kids are disrespectful, I'd say."

Pat Sadler, art



Ali Pietrucha



Ali Pietrucha



Jake Long

Helping sophomore Sara McInerney with some of the classwork, Christine Chidichimo, math, said, "I would like all students to be comfortable to come to me for help. I want them to succeed."

"I was a substitute teacher for about 12 years, and the position opened up. I like books, and I like to read, and I like the organization of the library. It's very logical," Chris Wroblewski said on why she took her job as a library assistant.



Jane Sloan



Brenda Bonewits



Brian Orkis



Sheila Vaclavik



Barbara
Anderson



Christine
Chidichimo



Jim Graft



Sherri Mendoza



Amy Ott



Pat Sadler



Jane Sloan



Barb Baldazo



Kristina Collard



Bob Hastings



Rachel Müller



Kim Peirick



Jim Salanovitz



Diane Soucie



Chris
Wroblewski



Beth Beiker



Eddie
Covarrubias



Betty Hoyle



Veronica
Moisan



Tim Pivarnik



Angela
Santacaterina



Marlene
Starcevic



Brenda
Bonewits



Martha Davis



Kathy Keller



Emily O'Brien



Luann Pramtuk



Shannon
Scheidel



Linda Tharp



Linda Zaboroski



Kelli Bridges



James Ford



Bonnie Manuel



Kay
Orzechowicz



Russ Radtke



Melanie
Simpson



Sheila Vaclavik



Mary Cahill



Lisa Megquier



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Mark Arndt



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Cassie Bailey



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Alexis Ceperich



Andrew Aken



Stephen Bakko



Auvon Chandler



Emily Cioroianu



Sarah Cole



Allison Colgrove



Andrew Clark



Breanne Clark



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Anthony Concialdi



Rachel Convery



Alicia Cooper

What is your favorite memory from high school?

"High school itself, being a senior, and looking back on how much fun the past four years have been. It's surreal to think that it is only a memory."



Amber Reed



Jimi Nunez



Sheila Szo

"Homecoming sophomore year, because of the game against Morton High School and all the events that followed."

"Earlier this year during my aide hour, Mel was subbing and I found out that Orlando (Turner) liked me."



Jordan Adams, Tim Schell



Corey Anderson



Jeremy Gates



Jessica Mendoza

Sitting in APC getting a work out, senior Andrew Wiszowaty talks to senior Anna Abbot. "I like APC because it wakes me up in the morning and I get a good work out," said Wiszowaty.



Timothy Cooper



Ashley Covington



Amanda Crook



Rex Cullen



Kyle Dapshis



Randy Degani



Daniel Domsic



Jeremy Drach



Jacob Edwards



Samantha Eisensee



Brittany Evanich



Melissa Falkner



Jonathan Ferguson



Nicholas Ficht



John Finck



Amy Fitzgerald



Jacob Fitzsimons



Devin Fogarty



Joshua Francis



Jamie Freeman



Trent Fullgraf



Kathryn Galambos



Jeremy Gates



Kaitlyn Gibbs



Billy Glass



Chad Gonzalez



Garrett Graves



Briana Greenwell



Allison Hanchar



Ashley Hart



Alexis Hartman



Justin Hauser



Devin Heller

Guess Who?

on this spread...

1. She is going to miss being able to see all her friends on a daily basis

2. Her favorite memory of high school was all the good times she had with her friends

3. She drives a silver Chevy Cavalier

4. Is going to Joliet Junior College for Culinary Arts

5. Her favorite color is pink

Answer: Melissa Folkner



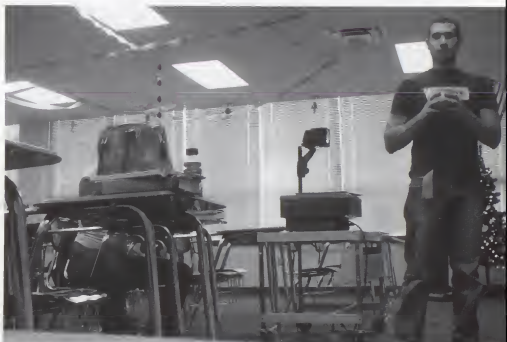
Matthew Cavazos



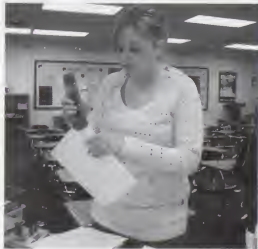
Jerami O'Brien



Ashley Roll



Dwight Porter



Jessica Mendez

Playing the basketball review game in Pre-Calculus with Sarah Cohen, math, senior Tim Cooper shoots. Pre calculus classes typically play the game to prepare for their tests.

"I decided to go half days because I had already taken most of the elective classes and I wasn't getting an education, so I decided to work," said senior Jennifer Lawrence.





Anthony Helton



Corey Henson



Melani Henson



Antonio Herrera



Billy Hilbrich



Britney Hill



Derek Hitt



Ellen Hurdish



Shahed Issa



Kyle Johnson



David Jones



Justin Jones



Brittany Jursic



Katie Kaiser



Lauren Kelley



Angela Kepchar



Andrew Kime



Sarah Kintz



Keegan Kiral



Zachary Koch



Amanda Koleski



Nicole Koleski



Patrick Kolisz



Jacqueline Krygowski



Caitlyn Lackey



Kelly LaMendola



Michael Kubacki



Tony Latronica



David Kujawa



Kenneth Korpela



Jennifer Lawrence



Christy Leal

"Lunch and passing periods are the only time I get to see him (senior Antonio Herrera)," said senior Adrianna Mitre. It has been over a year and they're still in love.



Jessica Mendoza



Jessica Mendoza

Random Facts

Which senior....

- A. liked ballerinas as a kid?
- B. was a registered racecar driver when they were 12 years old?
- C. is afraid of the dark?
- D. has two holes in the tongue from tongue rings



1. Jordynn Tibbs



2. Randy Degani



3. Tracy Leon



4. Josh Sims



DeMonica Murdock



Michael Kubacki,
Katie McDaniel



Jeliry Reyna

Answers: 1. C 2. B 3. D 4. A



Jessica Mendoza

Spending time with her boyfriend, senior Sheila Szo catches up in conversation with freshman Orlando Turner. "I've been with my boyfriend for four months," said Szo, "but it seems longer."



Lindsay Lewis



John Magrath



Olivia Martinez



Adrianna Mitre



Desmond Neylon



Joshua Long



Samantha Mansanarez



William Maywald



Anthony Moore



Casey Nunez



Justin Louie



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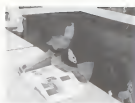
David Mills



Aundalyse Parquet



Briney Hill



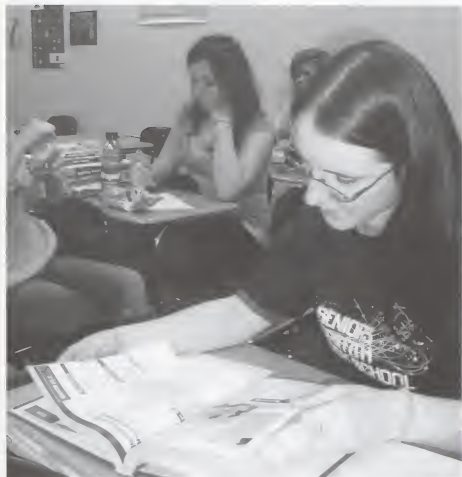
Adrian Burnham



Julia Soto, Sara Greer



Patrick Kouss



Jessica Mendoza

Working in Thom Howell's business class, senior Elizabeth Ryzak is not letting herself get caught up in senioritis. "I'm starting to feel it sort of kick in. I'm still concerned about my grades," said Ryzak.



Jessica Mendoza

Are you suffering from senioritis???

"I had senioritis last year. I do most of my homework except for pre-cal because it's really hard."

Andrew Aken

"Absolutely. I think I've had it since sophomore year, but it's definitely more intense now. I stress a little less, but I fight the urge to blow something off."

Amy Fitzgerald

"Yes. At the beginning of the year, I tried, but now that I'm almost done I don't bother putting in as much of an effort."

Jordynn Tibbs

Waiting outside the classroom, senior Cait Lackey works on makeup homework while sitting in the hall. "I can't wait to be done with Brit Lit and move on to bigger and better things," said Lackey.

Working on a project in Jason Gast's art, beginning drawing class, senior Elizabeth Ramsey carefully paints her project. Ramsey is also taking beginning painting.



Jessica Mendoza



Lauren Pollard



Jeremy Ratajczyk



Caitlyn Robbins



Cathy Rudzinski



Anthony Scalzitti



Dwight Poole



Amber Reed



Antoinette Rodgers



Daniel Rukes



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Elizabeth Ryzak



Timothy Schell



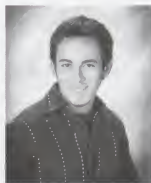
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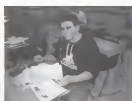
Timothy Sconza



Jonathan Latule



Jessica Joseph,
Auvon Chandler



Randy Degani



Keuny Kuopela



Josh Long



Josh Long



Jessica Mendoza

"We were in physics working on a lab," explains senior Rex Cullen. "I was partners with Zach Koch and Brittany Bridges. I don't really remember what the lab was about."

Homework is something that many students don't enjoy. "I was working on an assignment in English," said senior John Tonkovich. He has that class with senior Alexis Hartman.

What was the best part of your senior year?

"Just knowing that it's my last year and I won't have to wake up at 7 in the morning anymore made it great."



Devin
Fargarty

"I love being a senior because I feel so much more independent. It feels different being the oldest and knowing it's your last year."



Chloe
Anderko

"The best part of my senior year was getting accepted to I.O. Bloomington. I'm really looking forward to going to college. Things are going to be a lot different."



Tim Schell

Senior Dwight Poole goes in for a slam dunk in his friend's room. "I was tearing it up in Jake Long's room one day after school. I'm a beast at basketball," said Poole.



Joshua Sims



Lorris Smith



Alison Stage



James Sternberg



Travis Stevens



Sheila Szo



Jake Terpstra



Jordynn Tibbs



John Tonkovich



Candice Tripp



Daniel Velez



Tara Villa



Kirk Villanor



Jeff Walczak



Jamie Walenkiewicz



Tyler Walk



Mark Welch



Caleb Westfall



Lauren Wintiecki



Andrew Wiszowaty



Michael Zajac



Jeremy Rutajczyk



Zach Macak



Sani Mansanarez,
Briana Greenwell



Timothy Cooper



Josh Long

Keeping himself busy, senior Jake Fitzsimons works on a project. "After high school, I am really going to miss playing football," said Fitzsimons.

"The thing I'm going to miss the most about high school is seeing people that I don't see outside of school," said senior Allison Hanchar.



Jeff Reyna

Before a soccer practice, senior Jeff Reyna prepares for a long day ahead of him. "I am really going to miss soccer because I love playing," said Reyna.

Guess who will be where?

"I will be attending Purdue Calumet to study business."

Trent Fullgraf

"I will be pursuing a career in actuary science while attending Purdue University in Lafayette."

Kenny Korpela

"I am going to attend Mississippi State and study Biological Engineering with a premedical focus."

Ellen Hurdish

"I plan on going to Purdue Calumet for some kind of behavioral science."

Amanda Koleski



Jessica Mendoza



Ashley
Ames



Olivia
Anguiano



Ashley
Azzarello



Hillary
Baccino



Daniel
Boggary



Emily
Bailey



Adam
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Michael
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Chris
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Tod
Basham



Brittany
Bechtold



Michael
Beck



Kelsie
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Kellie
Blaski



Mark
Blount



Charisse
Bogan



Shelby
Boilek



Alexis
Bozinovich



Lindsay
Brandner



Corey
Breclaw



Gregory
Brock



Kellie
Bubala



Mark
Butkus



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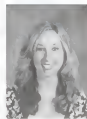
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Michael
Cummins



Bailey
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Ashley
Davis



Jacqueline
Delgado



William
Dennison



Keela
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Meagan
Domanski



Alexa
Drogoin

Practicing for English Superbowl, junior Kaitlin Euber talks with junior Emily Riley. "I'm looking forward to being a senior because of prom, graduation, and then college," said Euber.



Annie Higginbotham



Annie Higginbotham

Stopping at her locker between classes, junior Lindsay Brandner talks with junior Brandi Heidler. "I just like talking with my friends in my free time," said Brandner.



Catherine Kus



Michael Timich, Trevor Janke



Michael Guistolist, Mark Butkus, Matthew Zurawski



Kristen Yost



Annie Higginbotham



Annie Higginbotham

Can you guess which junior...

1. Is number one in their class



A. Larry Matosino

2. Is going to be co-editor of the school newspaper with Beth Thrall



D. Michael Timich

3. Goes Paintballing in their free time.



C. Melissa Willipow



Sтивен Aguilera

Waiting at the sewing machine in Shannon Scheidel's textiles class, junior Kristen Graan gets ready to make a dress. "I like textiles because Christina (Soy) is in my class," said Graan.

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1



Carly
Dunn



Zackary
Duvnjak



Taylor-Brianne
Finney



Shaun
Fisher



Jessica
Flutka



Zuri
Fruin



Ryan
Galther



Justin
Gasper



Ashley
George



Gina
Gilge



Steven
Gilman



Nicholas
Gonzalez



Vanessa
Gonzalez



Mary
Granter



Melinda
Griffith



Michael
Guistoli



Tyler
Gustamente



Austin
Guzior



Brad
Hardin



Brandi
Heidler



Jessica
Henderson



Jaime
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Antonio
Herrera



Caroline
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Ann
Higginbotham



Bryon
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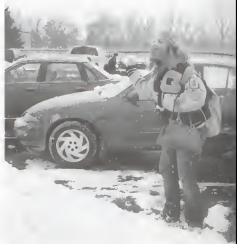


Desiree
Joyner



Cory
Jung

Throwing a snowball at junior Kevin Konopasek, junior Abby Metsch thinks about her junior year. "I love being a junior because it is closer to senior year and graduation," said Metsch.



Annie Higginbotham



Annie Higginbotham

Playing in a sectional game against Andean, junior Amanda Sinnet waits at the top of the key. "Sectionals are a completely different atmosphere than normal games." The Panthers won the game.



Jeff Melton



Nick Trausch



Bryan Lopez



Luann Pramuk, Mark Miecznikowski, Brandon Clark



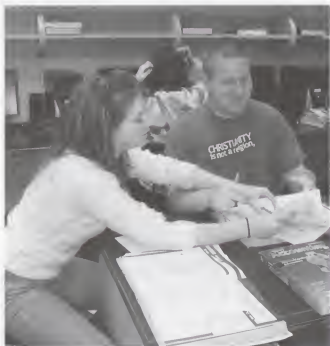
Anne Hugginbotham

Eating out with her friends, junior Kristen Yost sits down at Applebees. "My friends and I have been going to Applebees a lot lately. My favorite thing to get there is ribs," said Yost.

"I like being an upperclassman because I like feeling like I rule the school," said junior Danny Torok, sitting in his chemistry class waiting to leave and go home.



Ali Pietrucha



Annie Hugginbotham

For many students, homework consumes almost all of their time. Juniors Morgan Momcilovich and Brandon Rukes try to finish some of theirs in class.

Guess Who?

on this spread has these favorite things...

Favorite Movie:
Borat

Birthday:

June 28, 1990

Favorite Game:
Call of Duty 4

Favorite Color:
red

Favorite Past-time:
Guitar Hero

Answer: Bryan Lopez



Ryan
Kalis



Daniel
Keller



Justin
Kelley



Darryl
Kemp



Kevin
Keown



Alison
Kiner



Jessica
Knight



Kevin
Konopasek



Elodia
Krespo



Erica
Kudyba



Katherine
Kuna



Catherine
Kus



Aaron
Lannin



Joseph
Lara



Evan
Laviolette



Gabrielle
Leimbach



Ashley
Lenker



Katie
Lesniewski



Kyle
Lidster



Travis
Litke



Alex
Little



Samuel
Llinas



Ashley
Long



Bryan
Lopez



Shawn
Love



Kyle
Mackenthun



Sean
Malone



Lauren
Mathews



Lawrence
Matovina



Alison
McCampbell



Katie
McDaniel



Talia
McKinstry



Jeffrey
Melton



Abby
Metsch



Mark
Miecznikowski



Katie
Miller



Keith
Mitchell



Tabitha
Mitchell



Michelle
Mojica

Many juniors have had the same people in AP and enriched classes since freshman year. "In English, we are all so used to each other, and everyone gets along," said junior Cory Jung.



With a remote in his hand, junior Kevin Corrie tries to get the television to play a movie in Lorraine Hageman's French III class. The students love to watch movies from France.



Kyra Wall



Tyler Gustamante,
Mark Blount



Erica Kudyba, Ellie Krespo,
Jessica Henderson



Abby Metsch,
Brandi Heidler

Who keeps what in their locker?

Items

Students

- | | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1) a white sweater | A) Jaime Hernandez |
| 2) a Buddha statue | B) Alison McCampbell |
| 3) a little cow | C) Danny Terek |
| 4) empty bottles | D) Mary Granter |
| 5) bubble wrap | E) Lexi Dragoon |
| 6) a yellow magnet | F) Beth Thrall |
| 7) a pair of shorts | G) Destiny Cox |
| 8) Christmas cards | H) Kate Rene |
| 9) a mirror | I) Ashley George |

1) I 2) C 3) D 4) A 5) B 6) H 7) C 8) F 9) E



Annie Higginbotham



Annie Higginbotham



Annie Higginbotham

Using hand gestures in his story, junior Brandon Rukes chats with fellow junior Brandi Heidler. "I don't like that all my classes are harder this year," explained Rukes.



Morgan
Momcilovich



Michael
Moses



Andrea
Mullens



Sara
Nashkoff



Phillip
Nay



Araceli
Nieves



Michael
Noojin



Stephanie
Nowak



Christine
Obermeyer



Codie
Olar



Nelson
Oliver



Brittany
Orzelski



Sean
Perez



Emily
Perkovich



Heidi
Pierson



Frances
Pietrucha



Melissa
Pilipow



Michelle
Plucinski



Joseph
Richards



Alexandra
Polk



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Popovich



Joseph
Ramos



Michael
Ray



Jordan
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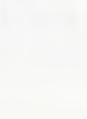
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Rex



Joseph
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Donald
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Katherine
Rone



Brandon
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Michael
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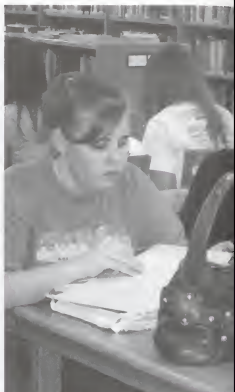


Lucinda
Solis



Anthony
Solivais

With concentration, juniors Michelle Plucinski and Katherine Kus research history papers. "[The worst part of junior year] is knowing I still have one year to go," said Kus.



Annie Higginbotham



Annie Higginbotham "It's almost over!" exclaimed junior Ashley George, thinking of high school. George, studying last minute, said, "I like my classes a lot this year. They're easier and interesting."



Shelby Boilek



Zachary Duvnjak



Abigail Meisch



Michael Noojin

Guess Who...

- 1) ...loves to play golf
- 2) ...owns their own business
- 3) ...walked around Target, Meijer's, and St. Mary's Western Days in a gorilla costume for fun



A) Charisse
Bogan
junior

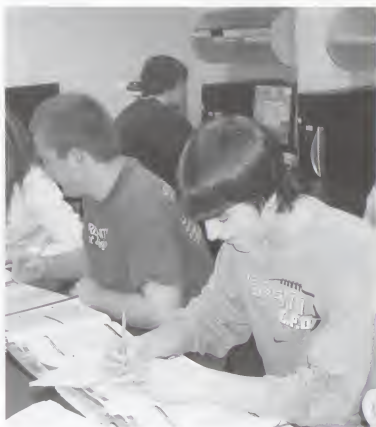


B) Anthony
Solivais
junior



C) Lawrence
Matovina
junior

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Ali Pietrucha

Absorbed, juniors Garrett White and Brandon Rukes do their accounting work. "I thought it [accounting] would be good for the future when I have to work on taxes," said White.

Shouting themselves hoarse as a basket is made, juniors Morgan Mornicilovich and Aimee Johnson cheer. "We were just excited that someone had scored," said Mornicilovich.



Ali Pietrucha

Quickly fitting in a snack, junior Vanessa Gonzalez and Alexis Bozinovich sit in the cafeteria, chatting after swim practice. "We had to go back for the boys' meet," said Gonzalez.

Antie Hightower



Thomas
Somers



Robin
Sophia



Carlos
Sotres



Christina
Soy



Steven
Spataro



Stacy
Staszak



Caitlin
Stevens



Amanda
Stinnett



Brenton
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Ishmael
Strong



Brooke
Studniarz



Justine
Sturgill



Natasha
Subotic



Ariel
Sutton



Jessica
Teasdale



Chloe
Thompson



Alexandria
Tibbs



Michael
Tinich



Courtney
Todd



Danny
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Nick
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Nicholas
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Ambermarie
Vanwhite



Amber
Verhoeve



Kayla
Waddell



Kyra
Wall



Garrett
White



Lorie
Williams



Veneta
Winford



Susan
Wolff



Colin
Yarnelle



Kristen
Yost



London
Young



Rosario
Zavala



Matthew
Zurawski



Michael
Zurawski

"During my aide hour for Mr. Ford, I like to solve the Rubik's Cube if I'm not doing my homework or something for Mr. Ford," said junior Tod Basham as he works on the puzzle.





Gregory Joyce



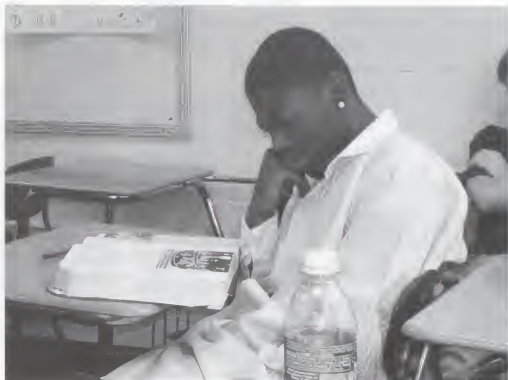
Michael Noojin



Morgan Momiclovich, Kevin Konopasek



Heidi Pierson, Brittany Mary



Annie Higginbotham

Keeping up with the rest of the class, junior Ishmael Strong reads ahead to get a full understanding of the paragraph in Swanson's U.S. History class. "It's a laid-back class," said Strong. "I can't wait until junior year is over."

Ali Petrocha

Annie Higginbotham

If you were an animal, what would you be?

"A wolf because I like wolves."

Nelson Oliver



"I'd probably be a dog because they just seem free-spirited."

Jessica Flutka



"A dog because they're playful and fun."

Brittany Bechtold



"A cheetah, just because they're fast."

Garrett White



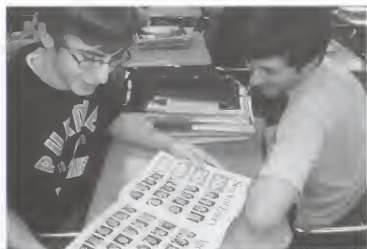
When he spoke about being in Sheila Vachavik's English class, junior Tyler Gustamente answered, "It's just crazy. Everyone just voices their opinions. It's like a mad-house, but we get the work done."



David Vido, Michael Lanfear



Stephanie Negrete



Amanda Zaborowski

Being in high school can be easy or difficult for some. "I really like being a sophomore because the teachers are really nice and the work is a lot easier," said sophomore Justin Phillips.

High school is about overcoming obstacles. Sophomore Katie Mitchell has overcome a large one: getting to know her school. "My favorite part about being a sophomore is that I know all the teachers and kids," said Mitchell.



Ali Prietrucha



Amanda Zaborowski

Older brothers and sisters can be the biggest pests. They may be over protective or make you out to be someone you're not. "I like this year better because my brother isn't here to embarrass me," said sophomore Shawn Siokos.



Alberto Acosta



Ethan Adams



Brian Albertson



Mario Aldape



Jaleesa Allen



Daniella Alvarez



Mohammad Amara



Jacob Anderson



Megan Anderson



Victoria Anderson



Barry Baltrusis



Brenda Banks



Quin Barwick



Matthew Beck



Alicia Begeske



Nicholas Biancardi



Shanlynn Bias



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Kyle Bowsky



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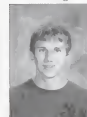
Eric Brumley



Kara Buchholz



Jessica Burbridge



James Burch



Jackson Buzea



Kevin Bynum



Nelson Cadiz



Brianna Cannon



Shannon Carpenter



Kyle Carter



Samuel Carter



Teresa Castellanos



Joshua Chavez



Cory Chidichimo



Jose Cisneros



Brittany Cobb



Rachel Cooper



Breanne Copp



Matthew Corlett



Amber Cornett



Timothy Creighton



Keona Crenshaw



Amber Crook



Stephanie Shively



David Rutherford,
Nick Biancardi



Amanda Zaborowski



Amanda Zaborowski

Every year students go from one grade to the next. It can sometimes be very difficult. "I'm going to miss my teachers and classes," said sophomore Brenda Banks.

Working hard on one's school work is something not all students do. "I make sure I study and do my work for school to get the good grades I have," said sophomore Shavonna Simmons.

Did you know...



"My lips look really big when I wake up."

Jada Harris

"Before every basketball game, I put my right sock on before my left one."

Peter Sepulveda



"I was scared of E.T. when I was little."

Brian Brilmyer

"I have OCD with a lot of little things."

Angelina Ojeda





Peter Sepulveda



David Vido

"Mr. Ford is so swell. Spanish is the best!" exclaims sophomore Nick Biancardi. This is Biancardi's second year of Spanish. He is learning a lot and is enjoying his class time.

With a smile on her face, Carissa Quintero talks about her time in Spanish. "In Spanish II, we were putting activities on the board. Meghan struggles, so I help her," said Quintero.



Ali Pietrucha



Ali Pietrucha

Favorite part of sophomore year?



Knowing everyone, because I'm not a freshman anymore.
-Lindsay Meece

Playing football and baseball.
-Jason Short



The softball season.
-Breanne Copp

Being older than the freshmen.
-Anthony Williams



Nothing...I don't really like it.
-Katie Mitchell



Ashley Darrough



Rachel Dennison



Ashley Dodson



Travis Doppler



Natalie Drach



Catherine Drechny



Alex Dulsky



Erica Edwards



John Evanich



Michaela Ezell



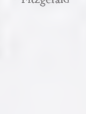
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Angelia Fisher



Jill Fitzgerald



Jasmin Freeman



Na'Asia Flemming



Elisabeth Flores



Jessica Flores



Michelle Fogarty



Chloe Fox



Rebecca Franker



Madeline Goodman



Nick Gallina



Ashleigh Gates



Nicholas Gaydos



Jeff Godlewski



Melany Gonzales



Madeline Goodman



Kristen
Graan



Kiara
Gragido



Azsha
Grant



Ciera
Greene



Stephen
Greenwood



Brittany
Grigson



Kristen
Gulley



Lauren
Hansen



Jeremiah
Hardin



Candace
Hardy



Jada
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Courtney
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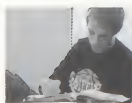
Shelby
Higgins



Briona
Hill



Michelle Velez



Micheal Lanear



Ali Pietrucha

"This year is super wonderful. It's better than freshman year. You're not the kid getting pushed around anymore," said sophomore Steven Kepchar, who is enjoying the year.

Talking about this year, sophomores Michelle Fogarty and Daniela Alvarez agree that sophomore year is better. "I didn't like this year. Although, it was better than last, and I wasn't made fun of."



Ali Pietrucha

With laughter in the air, sophomores Alicia Beigeske and Savannah Mendoza converse with each other. "I like being in classes with new people and people who are older than me."



Ali Pietrucha



Nick Bobowski



David Rutherford



Lakisha
Hill



Kara
Kessey



Nathaniel
Lara

Enjoying her elective, sophomore Jada Harris pulls laundry out of the machine in Shannon Sheidel's textiles class. "This year has been great because of track and other sports," said Harris.

With time to spare between classes, sophomore Sara McInerney likes to talk to friends. "This year has been great because we have more freedom with more people driving," said McInerney.



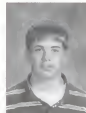
Ali Pietrucha



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Jackson



Zachary
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Alexander
Ledford



Ali Pietrucha



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Jones



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Megan
Leitzke



Nicole
Hixon



Olivia
Kalis



Nicholas
Kowalski



Cortney
Lenker



Joshua
Holbrook



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John
Kantor



Montana
Kroslack



Christine
Leslie



Jane
Hurdish



Trisha
Keown



Taylor
Lambert



Deborah
Leslie



Mahmmod
Issa



Steven
Kepchar



Michael
Lanfear

Guess Who?

on this spread...

He has lettered in
two different sports.

He speaks fluent
Serbian.

He is 15 years
old.

He attended both
Franklin and Beiriger
for elementary school.

He is pictured
on this page.

Answer: Nick Pupac



Wayne
Lewis



Kimberly
Lindsay



Brian
Little



Yakee
Lomax



Jacob
Long



Taylor
Long



Jacquelyn
Lopez



Kylee
Loudenber



Jeremy
Lukmann



Meghan
Macak



Beatriz
Maldonado



Anthony
Marker



Christian
Martínez



Alexis
Mata



Keeli
Matthews



Michael
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Raquel
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Mark
McBounds



Caitlin
McCabe



Alexis Mata

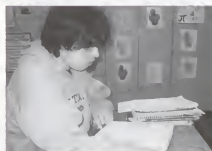


Nick Pupac

Before class, sophomore Caitlin McCabe writes down some notes. "Not being a freshman and taking harder classes is great because I like the challenge," said McCabe.



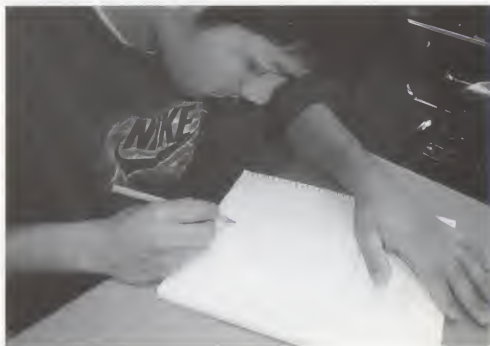
Amanda Zaborowski



Ali Pietrucha

When it comes to sophomore year, Jared Tibbs has enjoyed his electives more than anything else this year. "Newspaper has been a great experience this year," said Tibbs.

"All sophomores should take APC and definitely prepare for chemistry," advises Joe Nunez. Nunez has worked hard this year to make sure his grades are the best they can be.



Amanda Zaborowski



Tony
Ramirez



Sydney
Reis



Mia
Reitz



Charles
Richm



Jessica
Ritter



Carissa
Robbins



Ashley
Robinson



Tationna
Rockwood



Daniel
Rodriguez



Patrick
Ruesken



Kalynn
Ruiz



Kimberly
Russell



David
Rutherford



Timothy
Rutherford



Kevin
Salgado



Robert
Saltanovitz



Eric
Sanders



Joshua
Sanders



Dominic
Scalzitti



Daniella Alvarez



Melissa Stadnik



Raquel Mazur

After lifting some weights, sophomore Dion Stammers, walks to the main gym for a game of Speedball. "I like APC," said Stammers, "and when we play Speedball, I am the goalie."

Indulging herself with a strawberry sucker, sophomore Shelby Higgins chats with her fellow cheerleading friends. "I have been cheering for four years," said Higgins.



Raquel Mazur



Adam Mackenthun



Olivia Kalis

Did you know...

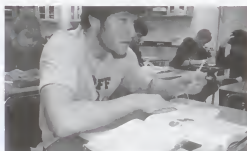
...Annie Scheffel can lick her elbow?

...Eddie Boncela has a Halo team - Derek Mitt, Tyler Wilson, Ryan Veges, and himself?

...Kara Kessey can imitate a baby's laugh with perfection?

...Megan Leitzke can balance a broom on her nose?

...Yakee Lomax writes poetry?



Amanda Zaborowski

As he sits through chemistry, sophomore Nick Biancardi is focused on learning the material. "Chemistry is a very tough class," he said. "Make sure you study hard."

In order to make it through Spanish class, sophomores Melissa Moisant and Kristen Gullely text. "It's hard not to text during school," said Gullely. "School is boring without texting," Moisant added.



Anne Scheffel



Valarie Scholte



Peter Sepulveda



Nicholas Sharp



Stephanie Shively



Jason Short



Shavonna Simmons



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Angie Fischer



Amanda Zaborowski



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Sitting in Mrs. Jane Sloan's, math, geometry class, sophomore Eddie Boncela crosses his arms. "She put me in the back corner by myself and gave me a hug when I was complaining," he said.

Lisa Pata



Jamie Drummond



Taylor Reitz



Matt Bluhm



Tabitha Helfen

Studying in French, freshman Amanda Boyer is enjoying new classes this year. "The best part of this year is probably the opportunity I have to take a foreign language," said Boyer.

Best Memory?

"I had a blast dancing at Turnabout."

Kristen Pospychala



"Being with my friends and having classes with all of them."

Katie Cahill



"Finding out I had a friend in every class."

Melody Elkins



Lisa Rafa

Working on his project, freshman Chris Melton is getting the best out of first year. "Freshmen football will probably be the best memory that I have," said Melton.

Before school, freshman Kim Colburn talks to her friends to relax and have fun. "Turnabout was definitely the best part of freshman year because a have a lot of memories," said Colburn.





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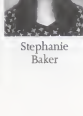
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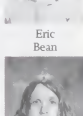
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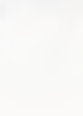
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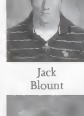
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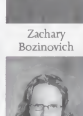
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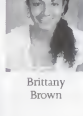
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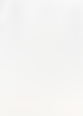
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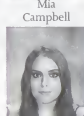
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Lisa Rati



Rachel Mierzwa



David Gonzalez



Ashley Parish



Amy Belcher,
Courtney Koleski

Freshmen Jordan Rex and Kadari Hylton take some time in the hall to go over some homework. "It's not as bad as everyone says," Rex says, about freshman year.

Knocked out in French class, freshman Derek Revis tries to catch up on his sleep. "Being a freshman is very tiring," says Revis.



Amanda Zaborowski

Amanda Zaborowski

Freshmen fears



"I was scared about how I was going to be treated as a freshman."
Megan Gale

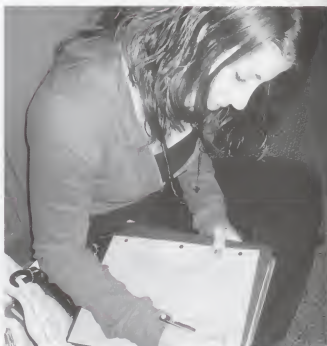
"Finding where everything was."
David Arndt



"Getting lost."
Courtney Massa



"I'm never scared."
Orlando Turner



Amanda Zaborowski

Trying to catch up on missed assignments, freshman Ashwaq Issa completes her work out in the hall. Ashwaq said, "I liked (freshman year) better than middle school."



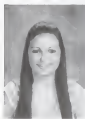
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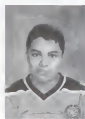
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If you were principal for a day....

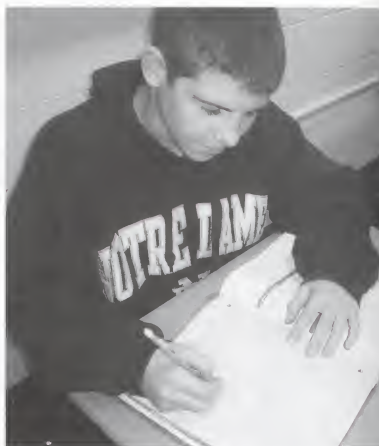


"We probably
wouldn't have school."
Amanda Clark

"We'd have no
homework."
Laura Hurdish



"We would be able to
walk around the halls
and chill all day."
Clarence Young



Working away, freshman Casey McDaniel works on her project in art. "High school is great because I got closer with people I haven't talked to in a while and I missed them," says McDaniel.

"The best part of high school is wrestling and doing an excellent job," says freshman Brian Orzechowicz. Everything has been going the way Orzechowicz has wanted it in high school.



Amanda Zaborowski



Listening at a student council meeting, freshman Kristi Buxton watches the officers talk. "High school is great because you get a whole new start," says Buxton.



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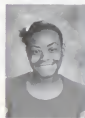
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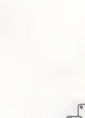
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Art Garcia



Mia Campbell



Working on bookwork in the sewing room, freshmen Taylor Reitz and Kelsey Revis keep themselves busy in order to maintain good grades.

The thing I really don't like about being a freshman is that everyone has seniority over me," said freshman Jeremy Starks as he watches a friend play guitar hero.

Photo provided



How was your first year of high school?

"It was really interesting because this was my first year in a public school, and I really like the fact that we change classes."

Jaimie Drummond

"It was great because the sports are a lot better and the day always seems to go by so much faster."

Matt Mercer

"High school is a lot different, and I like it better because it gave me a chance to talk to more people, and I feel older."

Alex Latronica

"It was alright, but I really don't like school, and my grades weren't that good."

Justin Comp



Completing some push-ups, freshman Zach Bozinovich glares at a friend. "So far I have liked freshman year because it has been easy," said Bozinovich.



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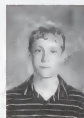
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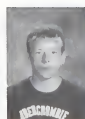
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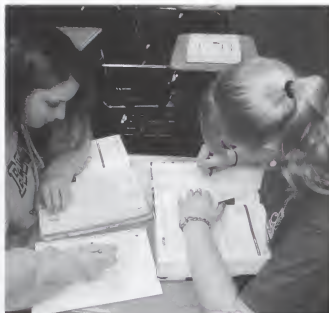
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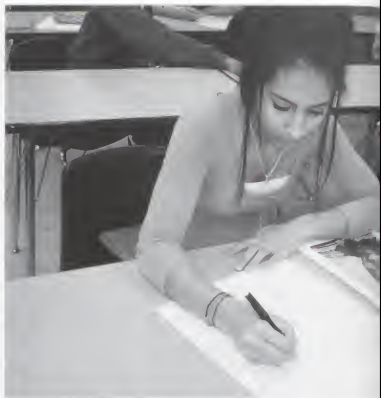
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Justin Long

"I usually like working by myself because I don't like getting stuck with doing all of the work," said freshman Courtney Koleski. She and freshman Amy Belcher work on homework together.

Concentrating hard on her grid line picture, freshman Melanie Baeza sketches the outline. Baeza is in Jason Gast's beginning drawing class which is his only drawing class.



Freshman Profile

All about Jeffrey Tinich

- He participates in track, cross country, and basketball
- For his sophomore year, he looks forward to all the future memories with the cross country team.
- During his freshman year, his most favored memories are all the meets for cross country.



Doing his project in Jason Gast's, art, class, freshman Cody Hamilton works hard. He is in Gast's beginning drawing class. He also teaches ceramics and 3D art.



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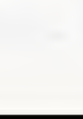
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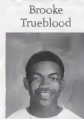
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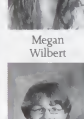
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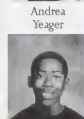
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Main
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Collect \$200

Graduation
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Move to the
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Top Ten
Dinner

Roll Again

Physics Lab

Lose a Turn

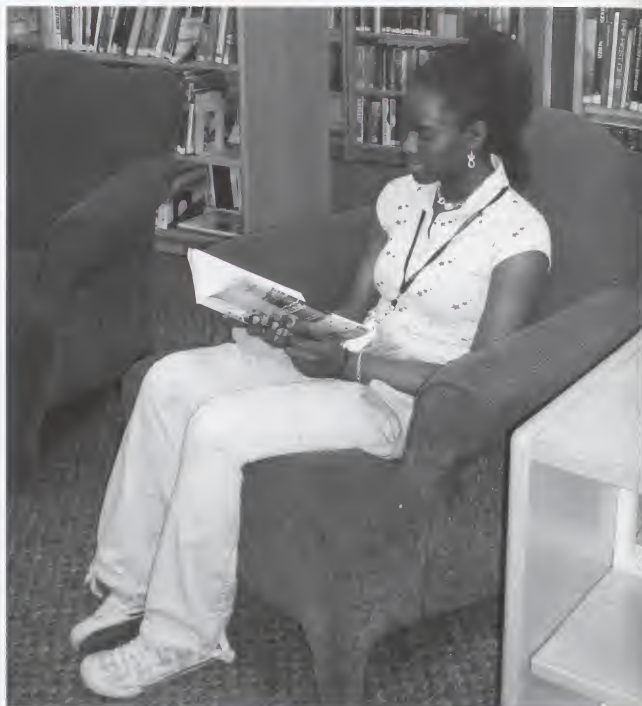
Late to
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Advance Directly
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Become a
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Advance 3 Spaces

Buy a Camera
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Spring Break

Advance 1 Space

Fail a Test

Pay \$50

Go to Career
Center

Stay After for
a Biology Lab

Go on a
Fieldtrip

DETENTION

Advance 2 Spaces

Lose a Turn

Pay \$20

Studying how to win

What is the most important part of the game? Academics, of course. School takes up a large part of the day and is also the most influential piece of the game. Doing well in school is important to move on to the next game board in life.

There are many electives to choose from at Griffith. However, some students choose a different way to learn. Rather than taking classes in the morning at Griffith, a lot of students opt to become a cadet teacher or go to the Hammond Area Career Center to get some hands-on learning experience. These choices are great for students who want to acquire some knowledge before choosing their careers.

Every morning before coming to Griffith High for normal classes, senior Allison Colgrove drives to Wadsworth Elementary for cadet teaching. "I want to be a teacher, and I really like kids," said Colgrove, who helps out second grade students. In addition to balancing homework from AP English, AP calculus and physics, Colgrove also plays tennis in the spring. "It's really hard [to get everything done] because I have two jobs, too. I kind of have to make time sometimes, like doing homework at work."

A lot of times, it can get stressful to balance school and everything else going on. With worries about work, grades, extra curricular activities, and sports, there is hardly any time to maintain a social life.

Sophomore Jared Tibbs knows what it's like to have a busy schedule. Along with taking English 10 Enriched, Tibbs is taking two math classes, Algebra II and Geometry. But that isn't all. He is also a staff member of the Panther Press and works at Dairy Queen. "I try and get all my homework done as quickly as I can right after school," said Tibbs. "On the weekends, I try to hang out with my friends as much as I can."

"It's pretty easy. I have plenty of time to do everything," said junior Brandi Jones. Jones was on the spell bowl team and manages the girls' basketball team. Some people just know how to balance everything really well.

Annie Higginbotham

Fall Break

Roll Again

Be a
Class Clown

Lose a Turn

Caught Texting
During Class

Go to Detention

Free
Homework
Pass

Advance Directly
to the Main Office

Balance
School and
Work

Make a Tile
in Ceramics

Winter Break

Roll Again

Collect \$100

Lose a Turn



Messing around in the hallway, junior Alex Little and sophomore Anthony Marker have a good time. "We were looking to see if Mike Scally was in the garbage can," said Little.



"I like being a class clown because I enjoy putting smiles on my friends' faces. I like classes where we do boring stuff," said freshman Orlando Turner.

As a way to pass time in class, junior Keela Detmar draws a picture. "The best part of being a class clown is making Mr. Swanson laugh. He has the best laugh ever," said Detmar.



Annie Higginbotham



Jessica Nicodora

How to be a class clown

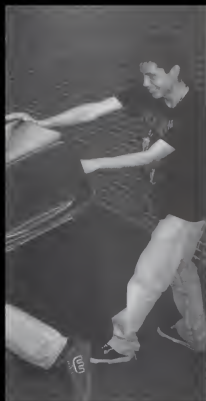
"Be a smartaleck and don't get caught. Also, if you are going to make jokes you have to be able to take the heat from other people, too," said junior Jeffrey Melton.



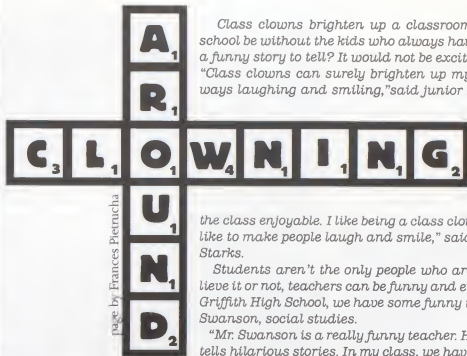
"Make funny jokes, laugh at other people and get the whole class going," said freshman Presley Corich.

"You have to be a goof ball all the time," said sophomore Ryan Vegas.





Jessica Mendora



page by Frances Pietrucha



Annie Higginbotham

Class clowns brighten up a classroom. How dull would school be without the kids who always have a joke to crack or a funny story to tell? It would not be exciting at all. "Class clowns can surely brighten up my day. They are always laughing and smiling," said junior Morgan Momcilovich.

"I think class clowns are funny because I am one. They can calm down a class and make

the class enjoyable. I like being a class clown because I really like to make people laugh and smile," said freshmen Jeremy Starks.

Students aren't the only people who are class clowns. Believe it or not, teachers can be funny and entertaining, too. At Griffith High School, we have some funny teachers, like Mark Swanson, social studies.

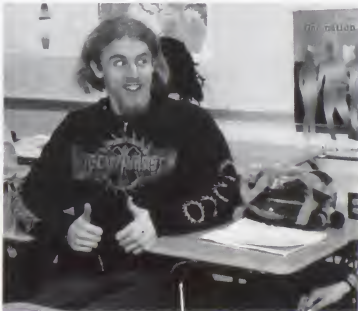
"Mr. Swanson is a really funny teacher. He makes jokes and tells hilarious stories. In my class, we have a student that always says things that get our class going on a different topic. That class is my favorite because I know I will get a good laugh," said junior Britney Cabrales.

Class clowns can sometimes be too much, and disruptive to the whole class. "I hate when someone is making a joke when the class is trying to learn something new. It is hard to focus on what the teacher is teaching us," said Momcilovich.

Class clowns are the people that make school interesting and entertaining. They make students excited to go to class and see what funny stuff they are going to do or say next. If you want to be a class clown, you have to learn when the right time is to crack a joke and when it is time to really learn.

Freshman Natalie Aguilera trips freshman Logan Bocock in the middle of the hallway. A friendly trip is a way to brighten up the day as long as no one gets hurt in the process.

Cracking a joke in class, junior Michael Scally said, "I like to be the class clown because being funny makes up for my lack of intelligence," said Scally.



Annie Higginbotham

C O M P L E T E L Y

P R I O R I T Y

Being swamped with homework is tough. The normal required classes, such as math, English, science, and history can get pretty boring. It's all routine. Why not mix it up a little? Throw in a new class here and there. Those classes are called electives, and are offered every semester to students who want to try something totally new.

There are plenty of electives one can take. Many students enjoy choir, band, and textiles. Those three named are three of around 50 electives Griffith offers.

"I think it's great Griffith offers so many electives. It means we won't have to take dumb classes we don't want to take," said sophomore Angie Fisher.

Not only do electives offer a variety of classes, but they can help you reach your dream for the future.

"Electives help people with their futures. The classes will help them with what they want to do in life," explains sophomore Kim Swender. Swender is taking choir first semester and is excited to take photography the second half of this year.

People can take electives for different reasons. People take band because they love to play their instrument. Girls (and guys) in textiles might take it because they like to sew and show their creativity. People taking choir probably take it because they enjoy singing.

"I take choir. I love singing and have been doing it for a long time," said sophomore Carissa Robbins.

Some electives, such as French and Spanish, go towards credits. Others, such as Panther Press and Reflector, are taken just for the experience and friendships.

"I'm taking Panther Press and Spanish III. Panther Press is a lot of fun. I just love being a part of the staff. We all get close and no class can top it. Spanish is a great language and I need it for my honors diploma. Griffith has a great variety of electives!" stated junior Elizabeth Thrall.

Griffith offers tons of electives. Pick a few, throw them into your semester, and enjoy!

Guess the elective



1. Jeremy Starks
freshman



2. Rachel Cooper
sophomore



3. Adam Baltrusis
junior



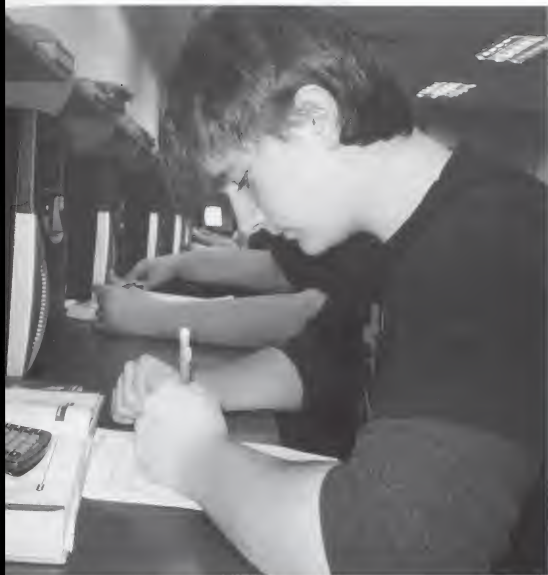
4. Brittany Bridges
senior

A. APC
B. Sociology
C. Ceramics
D. Panther Press

Taking an elective can help plan futures. "Hopefully, photography is what I'll be doing with my life, so I better do it well now," explained senior Jake Edwards.



Ali Pietrucha



People can take accounting for many different reasons. "Accounting is a good business skill that I can use later in life," explains sophomore Andrew Thomas.

Electives help you build intelligence and muscle. "I took APC because I love working out. I always feel better when I'm done," said junior Kate Rone.



Amianda Zaborowski

Jessica McInerjosa



Ali Pietrucha

Some people take electives as their only open hour. "Drawing was the only 1st hour open first semester," said sophomore Kim Lindsay. Lindsay is taking textiles second semester.



Ali Pietrucha

"I took textiles because I needed another elective, and it seemed interesting," said sophomore Kelsey Hiitt. Textiles helps students brush up on their sewing skills.

GROUPING

"Get in your groups and get to work."

Many things run through students' minds when they hear that from their teacher. Either it's something like, "Great, now I have to work with someone that I don't want to," or "Thank goodness, now I can get the answers to the problems that I have no clue how to do." It seems to be different for everyone.

"I love to work in groups because it helps boredom from taking over my mind," said senior Nick Ficht. "We normally work in groups in (Mrs.) Chidichimo's class for calculus, which is definitely a good thing because that way we can combine our knowledge to create a superbrain."

A lot of other people share Ficht's views on group work. Freshman Alexis Morikis enjoys to work with other people because it is helpful. "The classes I normally work in groups are Spanish, math, biology, and English. We usually brainstorm or do workbook pages."

Groupwork is an opportunity for some to get something they might have missed because they are a slower writer, get help on something they don't quite understand, or get the day's homework and notes because they fell asleep in class.

On the other hand, though, there are some students out there that don't enjoy being forced to work with others and go at someone else's pace instead of their own. "I hate to work in groups because I'm a loner," said junior Danny Torok. "It's very distracting."

So, whether you like to work in groups or not, it's your call. Groupwork isn't always enjoyed by everyone, but not hated either. Sometimes, it's just a chance to pretend to work and actually converse with your friends and do the homework later (unless it's due in class that hour)!



Jessica Mendoza

Working on a worksheet in first hour Textiles, sophomore Kara Buchholz works in a group with her friends. "We are allowed to work with people around us," said Buchholz.



Dwight Poole

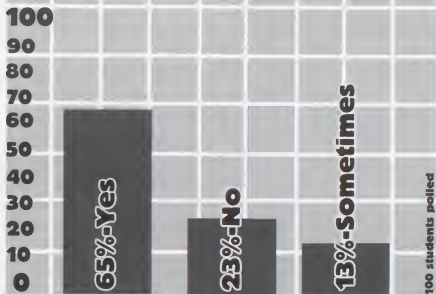
"We only get to work in groups for review guides," said senior Nicole Koleski. While in pre-calculus, Koleski works with senior Jake Fitzsimmons and her group to review for the test.



Jessica Mendoza

In Algebra I, sophomore Mark McBounds, solves the equation in a group. "We didn't pick our own, but I'll work with anyone," said McBounds, who likes group work.

Do you like to work in groups?



Jessica Mendoza

Getting hands-on experience, senior Zach Macak, right, reads blueprints at Career Center. "I prefer to work with someone because two minds are better than one," said Macak.

Working in a 'pod', sophomore Maddy Goodman talks about the mansion Versailles. "I prefer working in groups because the work isn't all on me," said Goodman.



Caitlyn Lackey

Carefully examining materials, juniors Mark Blount and Tod Basham work together to finish their lab. "I really liked the water bath because I got to consume oxygen," said Blount.

"You can visually see what's going on during lab work," said sophomore Robert Saltanovitz. "It doesn't put me to sleep because I'm actually doing something, so it's cool."



Annie Higginbotham



Annie Higginbotham



Annie Higginbotham

Even though this lab doesn't require goggles, junior Kellie Bubala checks everything before performing her task. "Labs just give you the freedom to experiment," said Bubala.

Working together can help students get their lab done faster, along with getting hands-on experience. "I really liked the flame test because I thought it was really exciting," said sophomore Jill Fitzgerald.



Annie Higginbotham

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Most of the time in science a lecture on the overhead or dry-to do lab work and exercises to works. When the lectures become more enjoyable. So even though gles, aprons, and bunsen burn-

"I really enjoy working in the planation on how things work," fun, too. I love it when we don't

"You're not just sitting in Kintz. "You're also doing stuff

However, not all students agree man Jeremy Starks has a biased through an oral lecture than do partners you get. They may not grade."

Although he disagrees with the statement, Starks still enjoys lab work. "The buffer test was my favorite because it was the easiest and I had funny lab partners."

Some students prefer lab work. Few like to sit through an oral lecture on the subject. Whether the lab work is taken for a grade or just a review on how things work, students are willing to perform lab work because it can be fun and very educational for everyone.

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class, the new lesson of the day is usually erase board. On the other days, classes get a hands-on experience on how science apathetic, the labs become exciting and students might look a little funny with gogers, students get a clearer explanation. labs because you can get a very good ex-said junior Caroline Herrera. "It's really have to hear a lecture."

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that labs can be better for students. Fresh-opinion about lab work. "I would rather sit labs," said Starks. "It all depends on the do anything, especially when it's worth a



Annie Higginbotham

While taking the temperature of chemicals, sophomore Zachary Kisfalus is astonished by what he sees. "I like labs because I can see what I'm actually doing," said Kisfalus.

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Name: Mrs. Ruth Carmichael

Subject: Biology

Why do you think labs are good for students?

"They are good because students learn through doing labs rather than sitting in class listening to me speak. Plus, they learn much better this way versus reading."

How do labs help students understand a subject more?

"The labs can actually help see the process taking place. For example, the acids and bases helped the students realize which subject was which."

Is there any lab that is a favorite to you?

"The students in my biology classes really like the organic and anatomy lab. But out of all the biology classes I have, I would have to say my favorite lab would be dissecting a pig."



Josh Long

Television is a great way to find out information, and that is why senior Jake Edwards watches the news. "I like catching up to par with the current events of today."

With her digital camera in hand, sophomore Alexis Mata takes a self portrait. "I love taking pictures because I am in photography. I think my camera always distracts me!"



Annie Higginbottom

page by Miranda Pope

W H A T ?

Everyone knows that sometimes, or maybe even most of the time, school can get to be a bit boring. Between all of your important classes, homework, tests, quizzes, and presentations, you need to have a little break.

Sleeping is obviously a big distraction in class. Senior Jake Fitzsimons sleeps quite often. "I love sleeping during class because if I'm bored, I get to take a quick nap. I usually sleep during physics and government if we're not doing anything important." During aide hours, students will also take those 55 minutes to get in a quick snooze, as long as their teachers don't have anything for them to do. Sometimes all you need is a quick power nap to boost your energy enough to get through the rest of the day.

The number one distraction during class are cell phones. Clearly, text messaging is simply the best thing that we as students could have. Texting during class is a quick and easy way to communicate, but might not always be the best thing to do. Some teachers catch on a lot more than others! "I text non-stop during class," says junior Breanne Finney. "If I'm bored, I'll just text some random people to see what's going on or what they are doing after school. I usually don't text people that just go to Griffith because I'll be able to talk to them while I'm at school. When you have unlimited texting, you just can't help it!"

Playing cards is something fun and entertaining. Not only does it give students something to do, but it makes class go by quicker. "I usually play cards during Mr. C's choir class," says sophomore Jessica Burbrich. "All of my friends get together and we'll play spoons, war, or B.S. It's pretty fun and it passes the time." There are many fun card games to play, but if you're looking for a sneaky way to do something other than learn during class, that's not your best choice!

So whether your planning on texting your friends, or playing some cards, just make sure you don't get caught! These devices aren't allowed in classes or even at lunch, but almost every student will at least have one of these items on them all the time. Whatever the choice is, try not to get it taken away.



Junior Kyle Lidster sits in the hall during his aide hour, reading the newspaper. "I usually only read the paper when I'm at school. I like the entertainment section the most."



Josh Long

What distracts you the most during class?

- **"People slamming their books shut."**
Vanessa Gonzales, junior
- **"Texting distracts me the most. I have unlimited, so I'm always using my phone."**
Kevin Bynum, sophomore
- **"Texting! It's addicting."**
Jessica Flutka, junior

Listening to her iPod, sophomore Kara Buchholz finishes up her homework. "I've had my iPod for over a year, and I have tons of songs on it. I always have it with me."



Annie Higgenbotham



Annie Higgenbotham

"I text a lot because I have unlimited. It makes more sense to text because I can save a lot of my minutes," said junior Britney Cabrales. Students are always texting during class.

Taking pictures of the animals, junior Charisse Bogan enjoys her time at the Exotic Feline Rescue Center in Terre Haute. "The best part was learning where each animal had come from," said Bogan.

During a fieldtrip to a homeless shelter, FCCLA really touched lives. "I had a good time because I knew that I was helping others," said junior Ashley Azzarello.

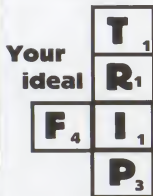


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Inside the IMAX theatre in Portage, seniors got to enjoy the movie *Beowulf*. "I really liked getting out of class and going to a really nice theatre to watch a movie," said senior Kyle Najjar.



Josh Long



"My ideal fieldtrip would be to go to Navy Pier in Chicago because there is a lot to do there, and it would be so cool."

Colin Yarnelle, junior

"The ideal fieldtrip would be to travel to a different country to learn their cultures and see what it was like. I would prefer to go to Spain."

Vanessa Gonzalez, junior

"The zoo because I love animals, and it would be an awesome trip."

Brittany Bridges, senior



Laura Beaupain

While on a fieldtrip to Brown Mackie College, junior Alejandro Salazar enjoys the discussion. "I really liked the mock job interview because it gave me experience," said Salazar.

M O V I N G

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Now, everyone knows how much the students at Griffith High enjoy sitting in the classrooms and learning...just kidding. Field trips here at Griffith seem to be the most exciting things that students look forward to.

On November 6, the ACES program decided to take a field trip to the Exotic Feline Rescue Center, where they got to see all types of felines that have been rescued. "It was really fun because everything was so interesting, and we got to get really close to all of the animals," said senior Ellen Hurdish.

"We saw all types of felines, such as tigers, lions, and leopards," said junior Nelson Oliver.

In November, English teachers Lisa Megquier and Kristina Collard decided to take the senior class on a field trip to see *Beowulf* at the IMAX theater in Portage. The decision was made based on the fact that the seniors had just recently read *Beowulf* for class in their literature book.

"I really liked the fieldtrip because it was a good movie and it portrayed the book well," said senior Doug Osborne. "I enjoyed getting out of class, but I think field trips are more interesting when they are related to something you have been studying."

Although many students only look forward to field trips because it is an easy day of school, there are some students who decide to go on field trips outside of school. Some of the students in Mr. Covarrubias' music theory class took a field trip to Chicago after school.

"We got to see John Williams perform, and after we all went out to get pizza," said senior Josh Francis. "Even though we didn't get out of school, we still had a really good time," said Francis.

After a discussion, seniors Pat Kolisz and Alexis Hartman share smiles. "I liked getting out of class, and I had fun during the mock interview," said senior Alexis Hartman.

Laura Beaupain

Did you know?

There's been a 40% decrease of average free time for teens since 1981.

Stomach aches are a frequent sign of a mental burnout.

Experts suggest aerobics and yoga for teens that need to relax.

Falling grades are a sign that a student needs to find a new schedule.

"Free time has become dependant on how much you like doing school activities rather than hanging out with your friends."

-Nicole Poole, freshman

"That must be why I never have stomach aches."

-Matt Plawewski, sophomore

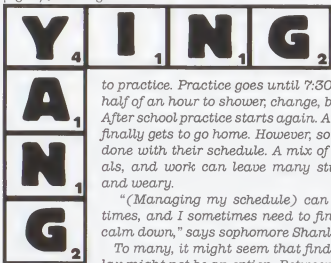
"I relax by watching a good movie with a bag of popcorn."

-Jessica Ritter, sophomore

"My grades are always changing, so I'm not sure if my schedule affects them."

-Josh Chavez, sophomore

page by Jake Long



Imagine waking up at 5:30 a.m. and going

to practice. Practice goes until 7:30, and you only have half of an hour to shower, change, brush your teeth, etc. After school practice starts again. At 6:00 p.m., the team finally gets to go home. However, some students are not done with their schedule. A mix of homework, rehearsals, and work can leave many students feeling tired and weary.

"(Managing my schedule) can get really hectic at times, and I sometimes need to find more time just to calm down," says sophomore Shanlynn Bias.

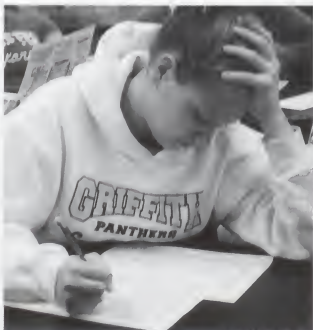
To many, it might seem that finding some time to relax might not be an option. Between all of the school activities and work, students need to find time to have a social life. Friends and "significant others" need to find their place within a students' life also.

"It can be hard to find time for friends because I play on three different indoor soccer teams," says freshman Katelyn Barta.

For those with busy schedules, it usually means that something has to be sacrificed. Friends might seem to get neglected at times. So then one must decide what has to stay and what has to go. For some, they just choose to make friends with the people they are always around.

"All my friends are in swimming with me so I am able to combine two parts of my schedule into one," says senior Matt Cavazos. Cavazos has to deal with morning practices and afternoon practices for swimming, along with choir, band, and work all in one day.

Whether one is involved in sports or academic activities after school, finding time to relax can be difficult.



Amanda Zaborowski

Most have trouble finding time to relax between school and cheerleading. "I have trouble finding relaxation because of the games I have to cheer for," said freshman Taylor Surowiec.



Ali Pietrucha

"School, diving, and band leaves me with little time to relax," said sophomore Jake Anderson. With a tough schedule, Anderson chooses to practice for band in his pajama pants.

Taking photographs for the year-book cover is senior David Kujawa. "Josh was going insane and yelling at nothing because he was stressing out," said Kujawa.



Ali Pietrucha



Ali Pietrucha



Ali Pietrucha

Some students actually enjoy being busy instead of just lying around doing nothing. "Even though I'm always busy, it's better than being bored," said junior Vanessa Gonzalez.

Tired, the girls swim team waits for a chance to swim. "The swimming schedule is pretty hectic, and it takes a lot of hard work," said freshman Rachel Mierzwa.

OUTSIDE

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page by Steve Aguilera

There are many different of those ways is by being a Career Center. Those are ing. Two other ways are by in Mr. Thom Howell's Work ative ways to learn.

Being a teacher's aide teacher and help them in always grade loads of pa-said junior Keela Detmar.

Sometimes, being a students either drop the teacher. "Next year, I might just switch from being Mrs. (Brenda) Bonewits' aide and hopefully become Mrs. (Jane) Villaroman's aide," said junior Kyle Lidster.

Another way to help out teachers and interact with kids is by becoming involved in cadet teaching. Students in cadet teaching go to Ready, Wadsworth, Beiriger, or Franklin elementary school and help out the teachers there. It sounds a lot like being a teacher's aide, but there is a difference. For instance, students that take cadet teaching get to teach the kids, unlike teacher's aides. "I go to Wadsworth and I teach the kids English and spelling. I have a reading group, and I make various arts and crafts," said senior Randy Degani.

Some students take part in the work release program. Students that take this program go to school for about four or five periods a day and afterwards leave to go to work. "I'm very excited I get to come to school for half the day everyday because I can't stand to be here all day, and I don't get paid to go to school. I just wish I could have been here for the Homecoming Pep Rally," said senior Briana Greenwell.

Going to the Hammond Area Career Center is probably the most common form of alternative learning. Students leave early in the morning and go there for the first three hours of the day. There they can study in fields such as dentistry, automotive, law enforcement, and many others.

In order to be eligible to participate in these programs, students generally have to be juniors or seniors. Also, they must have a certain G. P. A. It just goes to show that there are many different ways to learn at Griffith.

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teacher's aide does not always work out and class or they will simply just change their teacher. (Brenda) Bonewits' aide and hopefully become Mrs. (Jane) Villaroman's aide," said junior Kyle Lidster.



Josh Long

Working diligently to get a good grade, seniors Tyler Walk and James Sternberg do a lab in physics. "I like labs because it's better than actually doing something," said Walk.



Annie Higginbotham

Wearing a cloth to avoid getting clay on his pants, junior Jordan Redar throws pots in ceramics class. "I like ceramics because it's not like school, it's fun," said Redar.





Jessica Mendoza

Looking at an assignment for Kim Peirick's, business, class, senior David Jones sits at his computer. "I like her class because it enhances my typing skills," said Jones.

To teach solving by graphing, Melanie Simpson, math, teaches on the overhead. "It's easier teaching on the overhead because I can tell if the kids are getting it," said Simpson.



Jessica Mendoza



Caitlyn Lackey

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Cadet Teaching

- **Get to teach the kids**
- **different subjects**
- **Get to go to recess with the kids**
- **Get to go on field trips**

Teacher's Aide

- **Get to deliver passes to classes**
- **Get to make copies of papers**
- **Get to wander the school more often**

Working on an instructor's vehicle, seniors John Finck and Travis Stevens learn about motors. "I like working on cars and helping people," said Stevens, who is attending Career Center for automotive technology.

While working on a project in government, senior Elizabeth Ryzak checks her work with partner senior Brittany Tinnin. "[I like] that there was competition," said Ryzak of her top ten status.

"When they release the top ten, you know you're close to graduating," said senior Ellen Hurdish, mentally preparing before a band performance on Senior Night.



David Kujawa



Top Ten by the numbers

1 boy
4.0 average GPA
10 college-bound students
26 AP classes completed
9 girls

With two classes to go, senior Nicholas Ficht waits to leave. "I don't really feel special," said Ficht, the only male in top ten. "There's still a lot of really smart guys out there."



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age class size of around two hundred, even being twentieth would be great, but being in the top ten is spectacular.

There can be a lot of competition to make the top ten. In the past, some students have been pressured by their parents or themselves to move up more spots or just make the top ten period, but that doesn't seem to be the case for this year's seniors.

"Nobody's really pushed me to stay in top ten," said senior Ellen Hurdish, the top ranked student in the graduating class. "I think as long as I didn't slack off, and I knew I did my best, not being top ten wouldn't be a big deal."

Conversely, senior Ashley Roll said, "I might be disappointed [not being in top ten], not because I wasn't ranked, but because my grades weren't good enough. [But] it's not my specific goal to be in top ten; I try to do as well as I can."

Being in the top ten can have even more significance in senior year. The number one ranking student is automatically valedictorian and therefore obligated to give a speech at graduation, as is the second ranking student.

"I hate speaking in public, so that would be a challenge," said senior Amy Fitzgerald.

Saying that you're in the top ten is a also a great thing to put on college application. But just because a student is in the top ten, it doesn't necessarily mean they are the ten most intelligent students. Since the ranking is determined by grades, some clever high schoolers may get left out because their grades aren't as good as someone else's, even if they are smarter.

"It all depends on the classes you take than how smart you are, persay," said Fitzgerald. "[There are] people who work hard who aren't in the top ten."

The top ten seniors even receive perks.

"At the end of the year, the top ten in senior class have a special dinner sponsored by National Honor Society, and each student gets to bring a teacher that has impacted them," said Hurdish.

So, whether it's for a free meal, a college application, or an ego boost, being in the top ten is definitely an outstanding accomplishment worth aspiring to.

During English, seniors Amy Fitzgerald and Samantha Royal discuss thier teaching project. "It was my goal when I got to high school to be in top ten, so I feel accomplished," said Royal.



Josh Long



David Kujawa

Concentrating hard, senior Casey Nunez works on a calculus problem. "I try to get my work done in other classes so I don't have to take it home," said Nunez.



David Kujawa

Athletic
Office



Collect \$200

Finish the
Season
Undefeated

Move to the Office

Practice for
Sectionals

Lose a Turn

Senior Night

Collect \$200

Late to
Practice
Again

Advance Directly
to the Bench

Conditioning

Advance 2 Spaces

Fundraise for
Expenses

Pay \$100



Win Another
Game

Move Ahead
2 Spaces

Play Against
the Rival Team

Collect \$100

First Game of
the Season

Buy New
Equipment

Homecoming

The Bench

Advance 2 Spaces Move Back 3 Spaces

Collect \$50

Winning the game

Throughout the game of life, we encounter several obstacles. Playing a sport creates many of the obstacles in a student's life. An athlete must overcome intense conditioning, hard practices and bad losses. But in order to get through the season successfully, athletes must find a way to get past these obstacles.

One of the toughest situations to overcome is exhaustion. Having to deal with practices and homework, along with family and work, students can get seriously overwhelmed at times. But in the end, all of the hard work and dedication is worth getting through the hard times.

"I play them [sports] to keep in shape," said junior Shelby Boilek. "I like the competition." Boilek, like many other athletes at Griffith, plays more than one sport. During the fall she plays volleyball, while in the spring she plays softball.

Surprisingly, there are many students that play in more than one sport throughout the year. For these students, hard work never ends. With conditioning during the summer and after school practices during the season, it seems like athletes never get any time to do homework or anything else.

Another student that participates in two sports is senior Samantha Royal. This year, Royal played on the newly formed girls' golf team. In addition to being a member of the golf team, she also enjoys playing tennis. "I joined golf because I quit band and it was golf's first year," said Royal.

"I think we proved a lot of people wrong. We were better than most people thought we were going to be," said senior Trey Bailey about this year's football season. Bailey also participates in track during the year. "I play sports to stay active and not be lazy," said Bailey.

When the season is finally over, and everything is reflected upon, getting past all of the tough obstacles seems to be worth every ounce of hard work. Successfully accomplishing something is an amazing feeling.

David Kujawa

Relax:
No Practice

Roll Again

Break a Tie to
Win

Advance 1 Space

Work Out
Before a Game

Roll Again

Play as a
Starter

Advance Directly
to the
Athletic Office

Go to the
Trainer

Lose a
Game

Break Between
Seasons

Roll Again

Pay \$200

Lose a Turn

START

East Chicago
Central
38-6
win or lose

Morton
35-21
win or lose

END
Lowell
13-20
win or lose

Hobart
17-14
win or lose

Highland
41-0
win or lose

Morton
37-34
win or lose

Andean
27-28
win or lose

Q: Who was the one to save the Panther's in the Hobart game?

A: C.



Kyle Najar
senior

Q: Who scored a TD to win the game against Lowell?



A. Derek Hitt
senior

Whos who?

B.



Nick Biancardi
sophomore

Q: Who was a starter for the Griffith Panther's their freshman year?

A: D.



Jeff Melton
junior

Q: Who has played football since their freshman year?

A: B.



row one: Guillermo Hernandez, Zachary Pirtle, Matthew Beck, Loris Smith, Ahmad Khalid, Corey Breclaw, Cody Modglin, Trevor Hitt, Nicholas Udchitz
row two: Justin Jones, Justin Kelley, David Amadi, Jack Blount, Adam MacLennan, Arturo Garcia, Mark Blount, Logan Bocock, Matthew Borkus, Nick Gallina, Kevin Bynum, Jerry Sharp, Brian Albertson, Nick Kuybys
row three: Melany Scheeringa, Taylor Louie, Abby Zarnitz, Ashley Davis, Jim Pickett, Julio Cisneros, Brian Orkus, Tyler Radtke, Christopher Laird, Bo Radtke, Alex Brandon, Russ Radtke, Caitlin McCabe, Brittany Medley, Catherine Drechty, Sarah Kintz
row four: Joshua Davis, Garrett White, Michael Timch, Joe Nunez, Steven Kepchaz, Robert Salsanovitz, Orlando Turner, Michael Gustoliti, Brenton Strauch, Ethan Adams, Montana Krosiak, Rex Cullen
row five: Janene Averyhart, Kyle Carter, Jason Short, Austin Guziar, Derek Hitt, Kyle Najar, Trey Bailey, Garrett Graves, Andy Palma, Jeff Melton, Michael Barlow, Anthony Conciardi, Jacob Fitzsimmons
row six: Colin Yarnelle, Anthony Solizis, Michael Zurawski, Berry Baltusis, Calvin Bonewits, Mark Borkus, Jeremiah Hardin, Justin Louie, Zachary Borkus, Donald Roach, Cory Sudham, Greg Joyce
row seven: Brandon Soy, Doug Ashenbaugh, David Alexander, Eric Bean, Kyle Smith, Edward Boncela, Brad Hardin, Nick Biancardi, Brett Schoon, Ryan Gallier, Derek Revis, Zach Macak, Adrian Burnham

Getting pumped up, senior Jake Fitzsimmons puts his hand in the huddle. "I'm not happy with this season because I wanted more than that; I wanted a state title," said Fitzsimmons.



Merrillville

6 -14

win or lose

Hobart

14 -24

win or lose

Touchdown

page by Kaitlyn Sudac

To get to the ball, senior Rex Cullen pushes his way through players. "This season was one of the best. It was tough, but we pulled through," Cullen said.

Frustrated, Coach Russ Radtke confronts the referee during the game. "The highlight of the season for me would be sectional champs," Radtke said.



David Kujawa



David Kujawa



David Kujawa

Celebrating a touchdown, senior Derek Hitt raises his arm in victory. Hitt said, "This was a good season. We worked hard throughout the season and it paid off." This was Hitt's fourth year in football.

Taking down the opponent, junior Nick Udchitz said, "I can't wait for next year because (it's my) senior year of football, and I'm making the 400 board."



David Kujawa

Lowell

29-28

win or lose

Kankakee Valley

42-0

win or lose

Highland

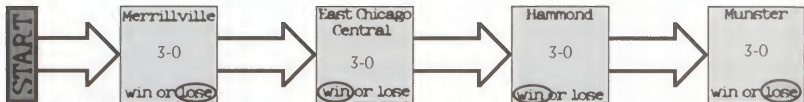
46 -7

win or lose

Munster

34-29

win or lose



Usually seen setting, sophomore Amanda Valtierra shoots outside to freshman Regina Hope. "We had a really good record this year," says Valtierra.

"My expectations for next year are way higher than this year," says outside hitter junior Shelby Boilek. This was Boilek's first year on the varsity team.



Wig it up

page by Amanda Zaborowski

By the numbers

1 sectional game
6 blowouts for sophomore Ali Pietrucha
3 consecutive wins in GHS tournament



David Kujawa



David Kujawa

With determination on her face, senior Katie Kaiser gets ready for another intense game. "I'm going to miss volleyball so much; it's crazy it's all over," said Kaiser.

"This season was a huge change for me, going from the freshman team straight to varsity, but it made me a lot better," said sophomore Ali Pietrucha.



North
Newton
3-0
win or lose

Washington
Township
3-1
win or lose

Andrean
3-0
win or lose

Hobart
3-1
win or lose



David Kujawa



row one: Catherine Kus, Kalynn Ruiz, Amber Wilson
row two: Alyssa Van Horsen, Lindsay Brandner, Shelby Boilek, Gabrielle Leimbach, Samantha Mansanarez, Jacqueline Delgado
row three: Regina Hope, Ali Pietrucha, Kathy Herring, Katie Kaiser, Amanda Zaborowski

Kankakee
Valley
Invite
1-3
win or lose

Morton
3-1
win or lose



row one: Amanda Valtierra, Amber Wilson, Caitlin Stevens
row two: Kalynn Ruiz, Ashley Rogers, Jen Klapak, Kara Kessey, Gabrielle Leimbach

Highland
3-1
win or lose



David Kujawa



row one: Katie Gilbert, Katie Ranck, Megan Gale
row two: Sam Marker, Lindsey Sopetti, Cassie Holmes, Michelle Sopetti, Brittney Sanders

Kankakee
Valley
3-0
win or lose

Andrean
3-1
win or lose

Munster
3-0
win or lose

Ghs Invite
3-1
win or lose

Lowell
3-0
win or lose

START

Hammond

10-1

win or lose

Highland

5-2

win or lose

Who knows soccer terms?

Buzea, a soccer player goes up against non-players and goes three for three!



Jackson Buzea
sophomore

What is offside?

"When you go past the defender before the ball is passed."

Which is worse, red or yellow card?

"Red Card."

How many players are there?

"Eleven."

When is a penalty kick given?

"When you are fouled inside the box."



Nick Gallina
sophomore

"When you go past your boundary line or the goal."

"Red; it's more physical."

"Seven."

"After a penalty when the goalie touches the ball."



Julie Wencloff
science

"When you go past the ball towards the goal."

"Red Card I think..."

"Eleven."

"When offside happens."

Dribbling and crossing the soccerball towards the goal is sophomore Matt Plawecki. "The season went better than expected, and we will keep improving," said Plawecki.



END

Wheeler

1-0

win or lose

Gavit

4-3

win or lose

Clark

3-2

win or lose

Lowell

3-1

win or lose

Bishop Noll

2-0

win or lose

Kankakee Valley

3-0

win or lose



Jake Long

With heads bowed in respect, the team lines up on senior night. "The seniors this year were awesome because they all helped out so much," said senior Josh Long.

Free kicks can be a threat and require extra protection. Standing his ground is sophomore Kyle Terpstra. "I had a great time this year playing soccer with (junior) Danny Torok," said Terpstra.



Morton

3-0

win or lose

Hobart

4-3

win or lose

Going for goals!

page by Jake Long

Laporte

1-0

win or lose

Andrean

1-0

Andrean
Forrest

win or lose

Munster

9-0

win or lose

Michigan
City

1-0

win or lose

Boone
Grove

2-0

win or lose

Hanover
Central

5-2

win or lose



row one: Shawn Siokos, Nick Gaydos, Danny Torok, Nick Bobowski, Josh Kisfalusi, Dan Rukes, Matt Mercer.

row two: John Kantor, Zach Duvnjak, Jeff Reyna, Ryan Voges, Josh Long

row three: Karl Koch, Matthew Plawecki, Josh Chavez, Nick Pupac, Kyle Terpstra, Kenny Korpela, Jeff Melton, Zach Koch, Ron Knestrict



row one: Shawn Siokos, Zach Kisfalusi, Josh Kisfalusi, Matt Mercer, Brian Orzechowicz

row two: Jake Long, Nick Gaydos, John Kantor, Justin Gasper, Zach Bozinovich, Steve Gronkiewicz

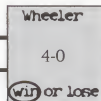
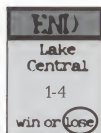
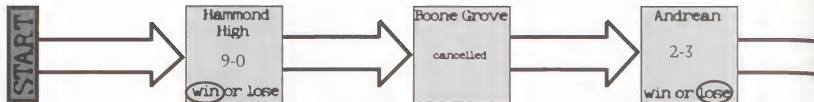
row three: Karl Koch, Andy Kime, Nick Pupac, Kyle Terpstra, Nick Fisch, Josh Chavez, Ron Knestrict



Josh Long



Josh Long



black & gold Going for gold

This year the record for girls soccer season was 9-8. They would not have been able to do so well without the help of sophomore Sara McInerney. She won many awards: MVP, 1st team all conference, Times all area honorable mention, Post all area honorable mention, and second team all district. McInerney says: "I was really proud to be noticed by other coaches. It means I'm that much closer of reaching my goal of all state. Sara would like to play soccer in college and hopes to attend Ball State."



Rarely seen without her uniform on, junior Kristen Yost sprints down the field. "I have been playing soccer for ten years now. It is my way to let out anger," said Yost.



David Kujawa

With winning on her mind, sophomore Shanlynn Bias cheers her teammates on. "I had just gotten announced so I was running down the line pumping the team up," said Bias.

"Beating Highland was a big accomplishment this year, we really came together as a team," said sophomore Sara McInerney. McInerney was this year's MVP.

Hebron

10-1

win or lose

Munster

0-2

win or lose

Hobart

2-3

win or lose

Push it

page by Ali Pietrucha

Merrillville

4-0

win or lose

Kankakee Valley

0-1

win or lose

Crown Point

0-3

win or lose

Lowell

2-3

win or lose

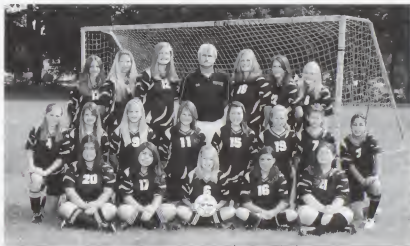
Gavit

7-0

win or lose



row one: Sara McInerney, Kristen Yost, Lauren Hansen, Meghan Macak, Enka Aldape, Kellie Bubala
row two: Priscilla Sepulveda, Samantha Holmes
row three: Kaitlyn Sudac, Enica Kudaba, Bailey Curtis, Rachel Copper, Shanlynn Bias, Stephanie Hobbs
row four: Carissa Quintero, Katelyn Barta, Cathy Rudzinski, Raquel Mazur



row one: Teresa Castellanos, Christina Calvillo, Amanda Clark, Alyssa Lanting, Ashley Matthews
row two: Samantha McInerney, Rachel Mierzwa, Natalie Aguilera, Andrea Mullens, Kristen Pospychala, Cassie Christenson, Taylor Reitz, Maria Curia
row three: Megan Wilbert, Lindsay Meece, Sarah Hurdish, Don Curtis, Laura Hurdish, Hannah Hack, Anna Schell



David Kujawa



David Kujawa

START

Andreas
Invite

last

Gavit Invite
Riverside Park

n/a

END

THSAA Sect. 8
Riverside Park

7/13
9/9

Numerous people attend the Chicago Marathon in Chicago to look for inspiration from other runners. "Seeing the Kenyan man finish was fantastic," said sophomore Jada Harris.

After finishing a race, junior Michael Beck and freshman Matthew Mercer rest up while drinking delicious sports drinks. At the end of the season, both Beck and Mercer had greatly improved their times.

Flood waters became an obstacle for the boys, but it would not stop them from finishing the race. "That was so much fun, but not as fun as the New Prairie meet," said junior Michael Cummins.



Angela Kepchar



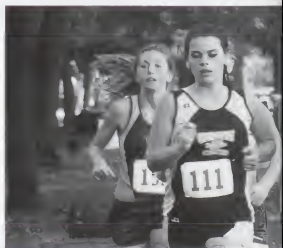
Angela Kepchar

NCC Conf.
Meet
Lowell

last



row one: Anne Scheffel, Jeffrey Tinich, Angela Kepchar, Jacob Anderson, Natalie Drach
row two: James Burch, Michael Cummins, Shannon Scheidel, Steven Aguilera, Michael Beck



Hobart
Invite

n/a

Highland
Invite

7/16

Munster/
Lowell @ ORP

3/3

Highland

2/2

New runner, new accomplishments



Name: Britney Hill Age: 17 Grade: Senior
Other Activities: track, colorguard, FCCLA,
dance, basketball manager, spellbowl
College: Oxford in Ohio or
Hampton in Virginia
Plans to major in:
Pre-Med or Middle
Education

Bob Thomas
@ Lowell

n/a



Angela Kepchar



Nancy Inner

The girls huddle up to have one last team meeting. "Everybody put all their heart into the races and it made me really proud of them," said senior Angela Kepchar.

With the opponent on their tails, sophomores Anne Scheffel and Natalie Drach run faster. "My biggest opponent was Gavitt and I beat 'em," said Scheffel.

page by Angela Kepchar

RUN CHS RUN!

Lowell @
Kankakee
Valley

3/3



Nancy Inner

Andrean

4/4

New Prairie
Invite

n/a



Making History

page by Kiara Gragido



NOC Tour
8 out of 12
win or lose



row one: Jessica Ritter, Alexis Morikis, Kara Buchholz, Sara Brouillette, Brandi Heidler, Jessica Flutka, Katie Lesniewski
row two: Candice Tripp, Sara Nashkoff, Samantha Royal, Coach Mike Worosz, Stephanie Nowak, Ashley Ames, Michelle Plucinski

While discussing the score card during a match, junior Katie Lesniewski exclaims, "Sand traps are the bane of my existence!"



A bit of womens golf history

In 1552 Mary Queen of Scots despite being a woman, was allowed to play golf anytime she cared to.

Mary is considered the first woman to play golf and is also credited with coining the phrase caddy after calling her assistants on the course "caddies".

The first U.S. Womens Open was played in 1946 and was won by Patty Berg. The Ladies Professional Golf Association was formed in 1950.

The U.S. Womens Open Championship came to the hallowed Newport Country Club for the first time ever in 2010.



Kankakee
Valley
260-215
win or lose

Hobart

247-202

win or lose

Andrean

238-236

win or lose



David Kujawa

"I feel I did pretty good and have improved greatly with room for more improvement," said junior Michelle Plucinski on how she did this season.

"The most enjoyable part of the season was the bus rides with (sophomore) Kara Buchholz, and (senior) Sam Royal," says junior Brandi Heidler.



David Kujawa

With one year left, junior Stephanie Nowak has a while to make more memories. "My favorite part of the season was beating the same girl twice in one season," said Nowak.

Everyone has aggravation about his or her season. "My pet peeves this year were resetting my hands all the time and breaking tees," commented junior Michelle Plucinski.



David Kujawa



David Kujawa



David Kujawa

Highland

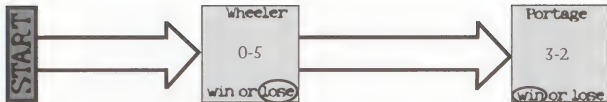
238-216

win or lose

Lowell

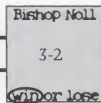
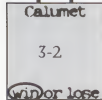
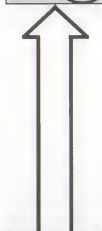
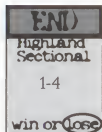
275-203

win or lose



Match Point

page by Robin Sophia



Cait Lackey



David Kujawa

Racket in hand, junior Kevin Konopasek watches his shot fall in. "You need to be pretty fast," said Konopasek. "Sometimes I can't hit a ball in and I get really mad."

Determined, junior Travis Litke serves during a game. "I can relax and still play hard, [but] I do everything the way you're not supposed to," said Litke of joining the team.

"At first it's [tennis] hard to learn," said junior Mark Miecznikowski, returning a ball hit into his court. "[But] I like being with my friends and having a good time."

Following through on a serve, junior Chris Bartley waits to see if he was successful. "I have trouble with my serves sometimes," said Bartley, who has been on the team a year.



Morton
2-3
win or lose

Highland
0-5
win or lose

Kankakee Valley
2-3
win or lose

Lowell
2-3
win or lose

Andean
5-0
win or lose

Lake Station Invite
1st
win or lose

Lake Station
4-1
win or lose

Munster
0-5
win or lose



row one: Brian Little, Travis Litke, Chris Bartley, Kevin Konopasek, Justin Phillips

row two: Michael Zajac, Kyle Lidster, Tracy Sines, Stephen Bakko, Mark Miecznikowski

Answer these questions or
you'll be sorry!

What was the speed of the fastest tennis
ball ever recorded?

How many games was the longest Wimbledon
men's singles match?

Where did tennis originate?

What was tennis first called?

Who was the youngest player to win the
U.S. Open?

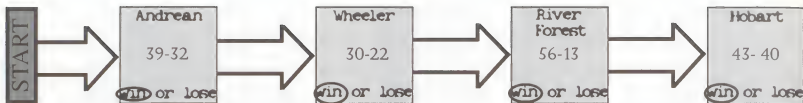
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4) 15th century 5) Pete Sampras



Cait Lackey



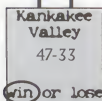
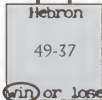
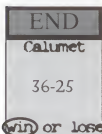
David Kujawa



page by Kaitlyn Sudac

Hoop it up

She shoots, she scores! Junior Amanda Stinnett said, "My coach said I was a confident shooter, but I had to change how I shot this year."



"In the huddle, we tell each other what we need to do and encourage the team that we can do it," said sophomore Shanlynn Bias. Bias is also one of three team captains.

Guarding her opponent tightly, sophomore Lauren Hansen said, "We were ready for Andrean. In practice we ran their plays over and over and it showed."



Josh Long



Josh Long

Like Family...

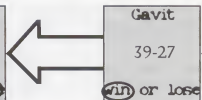
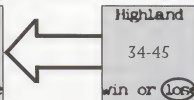
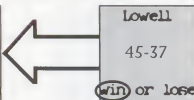
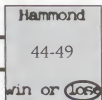
Q: Most memorable team bonding?

"The time we t-p-ed Coach Columbeck's house, and the wolf pack."
Lauren Hansen sophomore

"When O Carissa Quintero and Keri Markut collided and fell at practice."

Presely Corich freshman

"When we went to shanty town."
Stephanie Negrete sophomore



Morton
35-44
win or lose

Clark
55-22
win or lose

Rensselaer
Central
41-30
win or lose

Bishop Noll
47-35
win or lose

Whiting
46-26
win or lose

Andreon
45-37
win or lose

Munster
33-34
win or lose

Lew
Wallace
57-13
win or lose

Hanover
Central
Holiday Team
68-29
win or lose

Hanover
Central
Holiday Team
50-42
win or lose



row one: Keri Markut, Brittany Tinnin, Amanda Crook, Shanlynn Bias
row two: Lauren Hansen, Stephanie Negrete, Kellie Bubala, Maggie Butkus, Ashley Parish, Amanda Stinnett, Carissa Quintero
row three: Samantha Marker, Presely Corich



row one: Kellie Bubala, Presely Corich, Nicolette Nunez, Yakee Lomax
row two: Sarah Bacon, Shavonna Simmons, Alex Latronica, Brianna Smith, Hannah Hack, Samantha Marker, David Mills



Josh Long

As a more experienced player, senior Brittany Tinnin holds many responsibilities. Tinnin said, "My job is to lead the team and give my teammates the confidence they need."

Ali Pietrucha





page by Kiara Gragido

Score two more

END
Lake Station Edison
50-65
(win or lose)

Kankakee
66-57
(win or lose)

Bishop Noll
37-66
(win or lose)

Wheeler
52-61
(win or lose)



Josh Long

Before games, sophomore Brian Brilmyer stretches for his pre-game rituals. "I stretch my legs the most, but before everything, I listen to music, go to the bathroom, then listen to more music," said Brilmyer.

Senior Doug Ashenbaugh is proud of his performance in the game against KV this season. "I wouldn't change a thing. We did what we had to do to get by."

Did you know...

James Naismith is credited with inventing basketball in 1891

When Shaquille O'Neal was 13, he was 6ft. 6in. tall

The Chicago Bulls have won all six NBA Finals in which they've appeared

The first hoops were actually just peach baskets and the first backboards were made of wire

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Josh Long

"The KV game was intense! I played some solid D'. Towards the end of the season, I really started to like basketball," stated sophomore Nick Bobowski. Griffith won 66-57.

Calumet
55-70
(win or lose)

Hammond
56-52
(win or lose)

Munster
55-80
(win or lose)

Highland
53-47
win or lose

Crown Point
53-76
win or lose

Hanover
Central
62-60
win or lose

Wheeler
63-52
win or lose

Clark
50-57
win or lose

Hobart
68-74
win or lose

Hebron
57-59
win or lose

Lowell
61-59
win or lose

Gavit
39-54
win or lose

Andreon
64-58
win or lose



row one: Jackson Buzea, Jake Fitzsimons, Nick Trauscht, Greg Joyce, Mark McBounds, Desmond Neylon
row two: Peter Sepulveda, Doug Ashenbaugh, Brian Brilmeyer, Jake Evanich, Manager Kara Buchholz



row one: Nick Bobowski, Orlando Turner, Michael Lanfear, Tyrell Tinnin
row two: Gamal Gibbs, Greg Meyers, Kyle Smith, Kyle Terpstra, Manager Kara Buchholz



row one: Jeffrey Tinich, Art Garcia, Jack Blount, Ed Johnson, David Arndt
row two: Gilbert Eatman, Alejandro Cordova, Danny Miller, Richard Zakrzewski, Kadan Hylton, Cody Hamilton
row three: Calvin Bonewits, Ryan Fisch, Coach Alex Brandon, Jonathan Acevedo, George Gibbs



Josh Long

START

Grunner
Invitational
1st Place!

Munster
Invitational
1st Place!

Lake
Central
Invitational
1st Place!

Seniors @ State



Seniors @ State



Kier Brinkley 10, Rebecca Franker 10



State Competition @ the hotel



1 2 3 4 5 6



row one: Lauren Winiacki, Brooke Miller, Brittany Evanich, Miranda Pope, Kelley Cloghessy **row two:** Hillary Baccino, Aimee Johnson, Kathryn Galambos, Morgan Momcilovich, Alexis Hartman, Mia Reitz **row three:** Sara Winiacki, Rebecca Franker, Kier Brinkley, Brooke Trueblood, Katie Mitchell, Angelina Ojeda



Ali Pietrucha



Ready to kick those legs up high, the Pantherettes perform beautifully. "I love everything about Pantherettes, and I am really going to miss the seniors," said sophomore Kier Brinkley.

Did you know.....

Angelina Ojeda sophomore
Hates the word knucklehead.
Lauren Winiacki-12
Hates feet.
Morgan Momcilovich-11
Gives the dirtiest looks.
Katie Mitchell-11
Can impersonate anyone.
Brooke Miller-12
Feels nauseous when talking
about something disgusting.



Kier Brinkley 10, Lauren Winiacki 12,
Kathryn Galambos 12, Aimee Johnson 11



Brittany Evanich 12,
Aimee Johnson 11,
Miranda Pope 12



Brittany Evanich 12,
Aimee Johnson 11,
Lauren Winiacki 12

Regional
Champions!

STATE
1ST PLACE!

State Champs 08



Lauren Winiecki 10



Football Season 07



Football Season 07

Gracefully awaiting the first note of the music, the girls stand perfectly together. "Pantherettes has been the best experience of my life, and it has shown me how important teamwork really is," said senior Alexis Hartman.

"My favorite thing about dance this year was winning regionals and having a sleepover with all of us at Ali's house afterwards," said senior Kelley Cloghessy.



Josh Long



Josh Long

Showing some great facials, some of the Pantherettes perform excitedly. "I thought our routine was challenging and I think that it improved our squad's dance ability overall," said sophomore Rebecca Frankler.

The seniors here are accepting the first place trophy at the state competition. "It was so overwhelming hearing that we won, because it showed that we had improved so much over our four years," said senior Brooke Miller.



Josh Long

page by Lauren Winiecki

State champs



Morgan Momcilovich 11



State Competition Lino Ride



Angelina Ojeda 10

START

Taylor Long 10



Shannon Carpenter 10



Seniors



END

Seniors



Varsity
row one: Sheila Szo, Chrissy Obermeyer, Katie Miller, Christy Leal **row two:** Kylee Ulm, Ashley Darrough, Shelby Higgins, Jessica Breclaw, Kyra Scheeringa **row three:** Jessica Ritter, Lakisha Eatman, Shannon Carpenter, Taylor Long



Jessica Breclaw 10



Junior Varsity
row one: Kaitlyn Herron, Kellie Blaski, Trisha Monroe **row two:** Jodeci Grabos, Taylor Surowiec, Alexis Mata, Jillian Dixon

Seniors



Freshmen
row one: Jodeci Grabos, Jillian Dixon **row two:** Kyra Scheeringa, Taylor Surowiec, Kylee Ulm

Kylee Ulm 9



Annie Higginbotham



Ashley Darrough 10



JV 07-08



Kyra Scheeringa 9

Trisha Monroe 10



Katie Miller 11



Ashley Darrrough 10



page by Chrissy Obermeyer

Got Spirit?

Performing the school song is a regular occurrence for the cheerleaders, whether it's before football and basketball games, or after touchdowns and victories.

With two seconds left in the JV game, junior Chrissy Obermeyer joined freshman Taylor Surowiec in cheering on the JV team to victory. That night was the home game of basketball season.



Sheila Szo 12



Katie Scheraga 9



Kylie Ulm 9



Shannon Carpenter 10

David Kujawa



Josh Long



A bit embarrassed...

"I was cheering at our first football game of the regular season. Our team's kicker kicked the ball way out of bounds. The ball flew so high up I could hardly see it. Then all of a sudden, all of the other cheerleaders screamed and scattered apart, and the ball came straight down and hit me in the head. My face turned bright red as I tried to play it off. The worst part was when my comforting dad shouted from the stands, 'Ashley, you should've caught the ball!' I was extremely embarrassed."

Ashley Darrrough
sophomore

Josh Long



To get the crowd excited for a basketball game, freshman Kylee Ulm performs our school song. "I like football season better than basketball because it's more exciting."

Facials are a must for any cheerleader. Here sophomore Taylor Long cheeses it up for a stunt in a game. During basketball season, it's difficult for cheerleaders to practice a lot.



Kaitlyn Herron 10



Varsity 07-08



Taylor Surowiec 9, Sheila Szo 12

START

Bishop Noll

B 19-1
G 19-1

win or lose

Mike Kubacki 12



Morton

B 16-4
G 20-0

win or lose

page by Lisa Rafa

Bowling their way to semi-state

END
Highland
B 12-8
win or lose
Highland
G 9-11
win or lose

Boys Team



Boys Team

row one: Justin Phillips, Kyle Uylaki, Justin Hauser, Andrew Thomas, Jose Cisneros
row two: Coach Mike Kubacki, Eric Weber, Kyle Lidster, Mike Kubacki, Jr., Ryan McCoy, Anthony Scalzitti, Coach Rick Woloszyn



Girls Team

row one: Megan Gale, Codie Olar, Alexis Ceperich, Michelle Plucinski
row two: Coach Colleen Lidster, Courtney Hauser, Melissa Sipos, Nicole Koleski, Courtney Koleski, Amanda Koleski, Coach Lenora Victor



Highland

B 9-11
G 9-11

win or lose

Hobart

B 17-3

win or lose

Highland

G 11-9

win or lose



Ryan McCoy 10

Ryan McCoy 10



Hobart
B 11-9
G 19-1
win or lose



Hobart
B 14-6
win or lose
Highland
G 11-9
win or lose



Highland Men

Eddison
B 20-0
G 18-2
win or lose



photo provided

Wheeler
B 17-3
G 19-1
win or lose



Girls Team

Calumet
B 13-7
G 17-3
win or lose

For the record . . .

I was upset that we didn't at least go back to state this year. We lost at semi-state:
Kyle Lidster, Junior

Bowling is ridiculously amazing:
Courtney Hauser, sophomore

Our direction was like this, but it needed to be like this:
Kyle Kubacki, Jr., senior

"Don't mess up," said sophomore Jose Cisneros as he threw the ball down the lane. It is important to all bowlers to do the best they can when they are up for their turn.

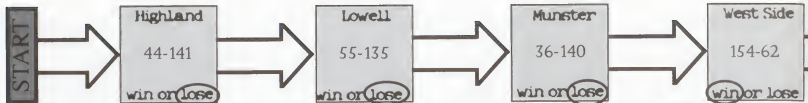
Up for his turn, senior Mike Kubacki, Jr. is seconds away from releasing the ball. "We did well, but we didn't accomplish our goals by beating Clark," said Kubacki.

Kyle Lidster



After winning the Regional Championship, the boys pose for a picture. "It felt exhilarating winning the team portion, but I got robbed in singles," said senior Justin Hauser.

photo provided



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Just keep swimming

Sophomores Chissy Leslie and Lindsay Meece wait after getting oiled down at Crown Point. "I really liked swimming because I got to meet new girls," said Leslie.

While waiting for a fellow teammate to return, junior Vanessa Gonzalez stands on the block. "I really like swimming because it keeps you in such good shape," said Gonzalez.



Josh Long



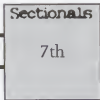
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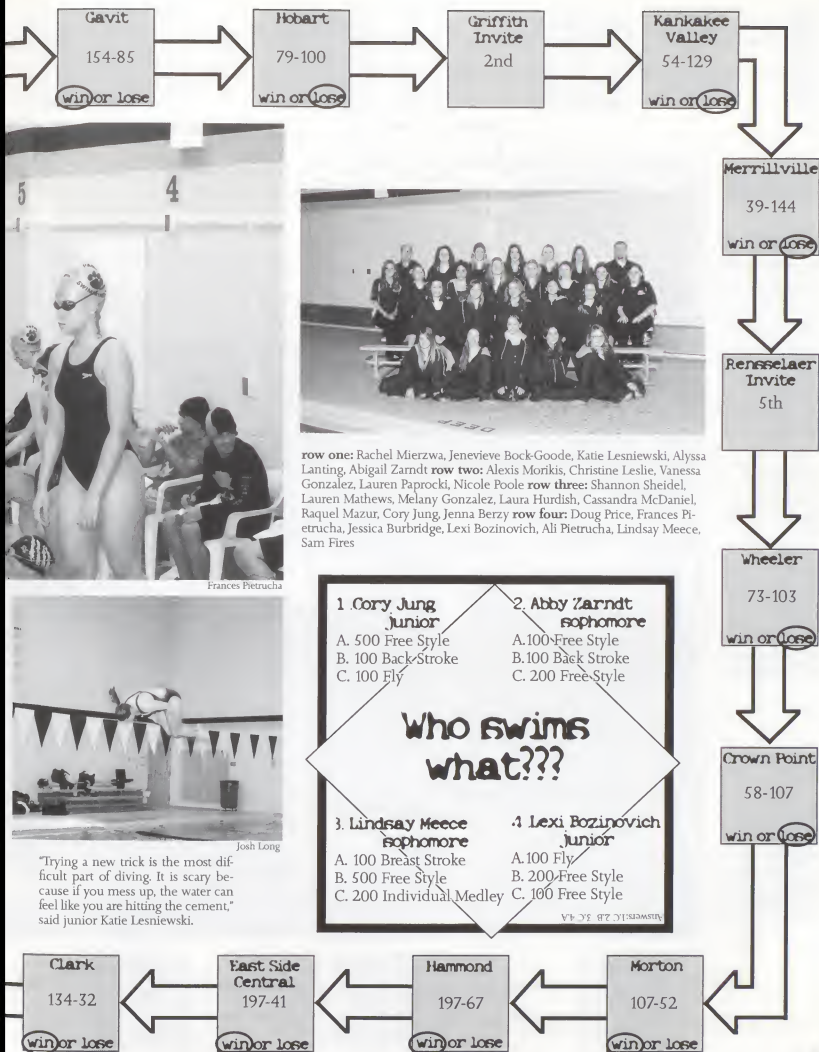
Doing fly was not freshmen Rachel Mierzwa's first choice, but she dealt with it. "I didn't really like fly, but my coach just put me into it and I had no choice," said Mierzwa.

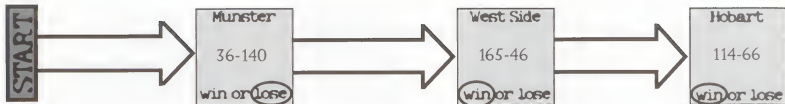
Freshman Nicole Poole awaits to see her time after swimming a race. "I have been interested in swimming since I was little, and it is the only sport I am good at," said Poole.



Josh Long







page by Jake Long

Jump in

Getting ready to jump in the pool at sectionals is senior Dwight Poole. "Sectionals was tense and exciting. I left everything in the pool and I am happy with how it ended," said Poole.

After a first place in the 500 yard free-style, senior Zach Koch takes a rest. "I don't normally swim this event, but everyone thought it would be funny for me to swim the 500," said Koch.

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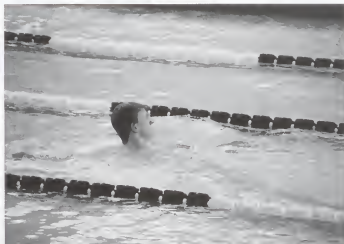
THSAA Sect. @
Crown Point
7th place

NOC Meet @
Munster
4th place

Bishop Noll
134-72
(win or lose)



Jake Long



Jake Long

How was the season?



Zach Pirtle
freshman

"I think the season was great because everyone achieved their goals."



Matt Cavazos
senior

"Everyone improved over the season and it came out to be a great team effort."



Shannon Sheidel
FACS

"As a team, everyone did excellent. I was proud of how well the season went."



Jenna Beray
social studies

"The athletes gave it their all, with strong team support and good races."

Clark
134-64
(win or lose)

Hammond
137-32
(win or lose)

East Chicago
137-44
(win or lose)

Kankakee Valley

104-81

win or lose

Merrillville

68-117

win or lose

Rensselaer Relays

2nd place

To get ready for the invite, sophomore Gabe Sotres listens to the captains speak. "The best part of the Lowell Invite was holding the trophy with everyone," said Sotres.

"This year was really competitive, and the divers were more evenly matched than last year," said sophomore Jake Anderson. Anderson got sixth in sectionals.



Jake Long

Behind the starting block is senior captain Billy Hilbrich. Hilbrich was pleased with the team this year. "Everyone did great and the season went swimmingly," said Hilbrich.



Jake Long



row one: Charles Robertson, Dan Rodriguez, Dylan Moulesong, Dwight Poole
row two: Jacob Anderson, Carlos Sotres, Matt Cavazos, Jake Long, Zach Pirtle, Gabe Sotres, Andrew Aken
row three: Shannon Sheidel, Zac Bozinovich, Nick Ficht, Jimmy Burch, Billy Hilbrich, Josh Long, Christian Martinez, Jenna Berzy
row four: Doug Price, Zach Koch, Jeremy Starks, Nick Pupac, Ron Higginbotham, Nick Sharp, Sam Fies

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Wheeler

95-82

win or lose

Crown Point

58-107

win or lose

Lowell Invite

1st place

Lowell

102-71

win or lose

Morton

106-68

win or lose

Highland

80-103

win or lose



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Pin 'em

Using little effort, freshman Brian Orzechowicz lifts his opponent. "Lifting people my own size comes naturally to me by working out and staying in shape."



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row one: Adrianna Mitre, Ashley Robinson, TJ Herrera, Anthony Concialdi, Kyle Dapshis, Corey Anderson, Lorris Smith, Veronika Smith, Chelsea Plesek
row two: Catie Drechney, Brian Orzechowicz, Matt Beck, Shawn Siokis, Willie Hernandez, Nick Gonzales, Collin Slagel, Amanda Valtierra
row three: Coach Chris Modis, Chris Bartley, Nick Gallina, Matt Grahovac, Logan Bocock, Roberto Gonzales, Mike Beck, Jake Hernandez
row four: Coach Larry Slagel, Mike Barlow, Mark Douglas, Coach Travis Walls, Austin Guziar, Jeremy Dalton, Coach Russ Radtke

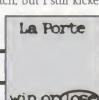
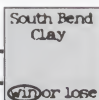
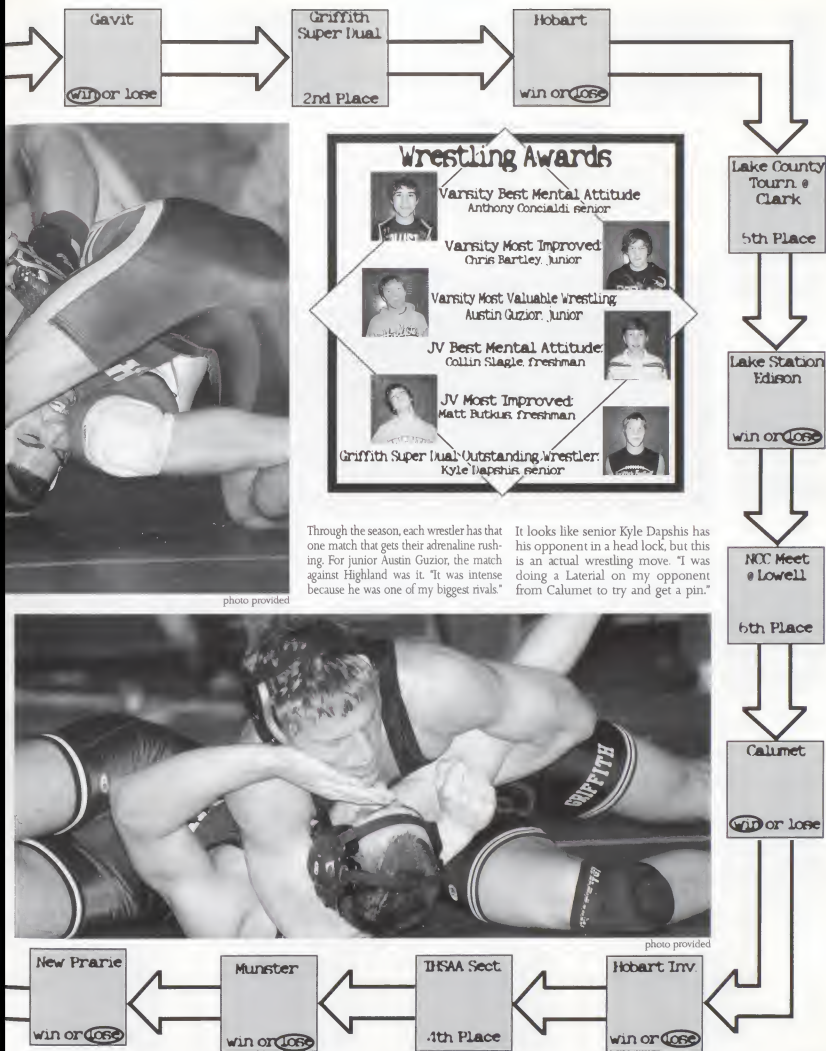
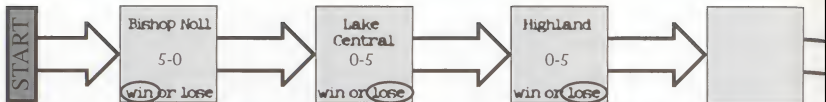


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During matches, wrestlers try to stay focused, but senior Anthony Concialdi had other things on his mind. "I was thinking about eating after this match, but I still kicked his butt."

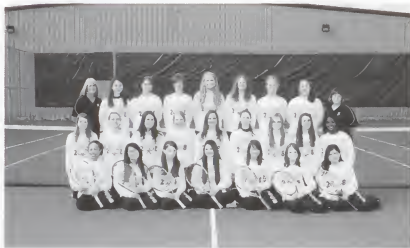




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Incoming!

END
Sectionals
Highland
0-5
(win or lose)



row one: Yakee Lomax, Jessica Hermosillo, Jackie Lopez, Chrissy Colgrove, Andee Mullens, Katherine Kus, Maricarmen Meraz
row two: Amber Crook, Cathy Rudzinski, Allison Colgrove, Ashley Ames, Natasha Subotic, Jill Fitzgerald, Jennifer Buxton, Katie Cahill, Imani Ross
row three: Linnia Powers, Erica Kudyba, Britney Cabrales, Lindsey Sopotet, Heidi Pierson, Michelle Sopotet, Friederike Roehner, Sam Royal, Tracy Sines

Sectionals
Gary W. Side
4-1
(win or lose)

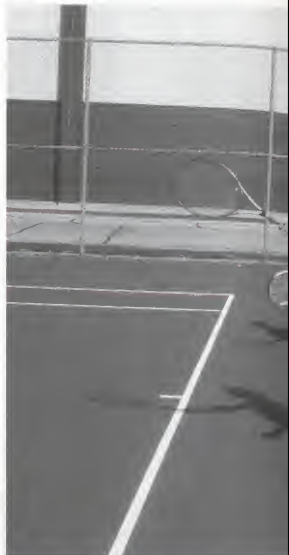


Amanda Zaborowski

Serving the ball, sophomore Yakee Lomax practices against a varsity player. "I try to practice with the varsity team so I can get better," said Lomax. "I also play because tennis is a very relaxing sport."



Amanda Zaborowski



Awaiting the return of the ball, junior Andee Mullens waits on her toes. "My favorite moment this year would have to be the Spanish bowl, with Amber Crook and Jackie Lopez," said Mullens.

"My goal for this season is to have a winning record and give 120% at every match," said junior Erica Kudyba. Kudyba enjoys tennis because it is based on how an individual plays, not a team.

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River Forest
3-2
(win or lose)

Wheeler
3-2
(win or lose)

Hammond High
5-0
(win or lose)

Kankakee Valley
2-3
win or lose

Morton
3-2
win or lose

Lowell
2-3
win or lose

Calumet
4-1
win or lose

Clark
5-0
win or lose

Hobart
2-3
win or lose

Munster
0-5
win or lose

Whiting
3-2
win or lose

Andean
2-3
win or lose



Amanda Zaborowski



Amanda Zaborowski

German foreign exchange student, junior Friedenke Roenhert, practices with her teammates. "I like to play tennis because you don't notice how much you run until the end," said Roenhert.

Eying the ball carefully for her serve, senior Sam Royal gives it her all. "I am sad that I am a senior and leaving everyone," said Royal. Royal has been playing tennis since her freshman year.

Why do you play?



"This is my first year playing [tennis], but I wanted to try it because I have wanted to for a while."

Jennifer Buxton
junior

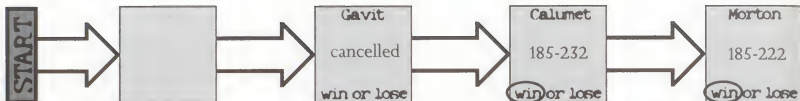


"Tennis is a relaxing sport, but yet it's exciting at the same time. I also like to play doubles because of the teamwork."

Heidi Pierson
junior



Amanda Zaborowski



END
Sectionals
6th place
win or lose

Bishop Noll
192-196
win or lose

NCC
Tourney
6th
win or lose

Hobart
179-167
win or lose

Hole-in-one

page by Jake Long

"Golf has been a great experience this year and I'm glad that I'm golfing Varsity every match this year," said sophomore Justin Phillips. Phillips has been putting up good numbers.



Jake Long



With low scores in mind, senior Mike Zajac practices hitting golf balls at the driving range. "This year has been awesome because I enjoy the people I golf with," said Zajac.

Learning to hold the club better from senior Zach Koch, senior David Jones tries his best to lower his score. "I shot a 47 at River Point, but I want to keep getting better," said Jones.



row one: Tyrell Tinnin, Justin Phillips, Alex Ledford, Danny Torok, Nick Udchitz, Mike Zajac, Zach Kisfalusi

row two: David Jones, Zach Koch, Richie Popovich, Mike Worosz, Steve Greenwood, Tony Solivais, Joe Nunez

LC Invite
11th
win or lose

Andean
163-199
win or lose

Lake
Station
266-192
win or lose

Hammond
forfeit
win or lose

Munster
173-193
win or lose

Wheeler
196-199
win or lose

Clark
191-227
win or lose

Sunshine and spring weather are a perfect combination for a sport like golf. One of only two freshmen on the boys' golf team, Tyrell Tinnin says he enjoys golf because, "It's a healthy sport."

Since junior Richie Popovich is left-handed, he always has to adapt to avoid hitting people. "Being a lefty is hard because it's harder to find clubs for myself," said Popovich.



Jake Long



Jake Long

Kankakee Valley
196-172
win or lose

Lowell
190-189
win or lose

Varsity scores against Clark?

A. Justin Phillips	1. 6()
B. Tony Solivais	2. 51
C. David Jones	3. 44
D. Zach Koch	4. 46
E. Mike Zajac	5. 5()

Answers: A5, B2, C1, D3, E4

Whiting
192-248
win or lose

Highland
185-193
win or lose

KV Invite
14th
win or lose

START

Wirt

GGirls: 75
W: 46

win or lose



Girls Track

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Bishop Noll

GGirls: 75
BN: 32

win or lose

Run Fast Finish First



Mark Binkus, 11

END



Running the 100 meter dash, freshman Samantha Marker takes the lead. She enjoys running the 100 meter dash, but her favorite is the 4 by 1 relay. "It is my favorite because it takes a team effort to beat the other teams," says Marker.

Warming up before a meet, sophomores Shavonna Simmons and Lakisha Hill run a few laps around the track. "To prepare for a meet, I rub my legs down with Ben Gay and I dance and sing opera to prepare my mind to run hard," says Hill.



Jessica Mendoza

Noc

Boys: 7th
Girls: 7th

Match the runner

To their events and best time

A:
300 Low Hurdles: 49.07 seconds
High Jump: 4'10"
200 Meter Dash: 27.9 seconds

B:
200 Meter Dash: 24.5 seconds
C:
100 Meter Dash: 11.2 seconds
4x1 Relay: 46.1 seconds

D:
300 Low Hurdles: 57.44 seconds
4x8: 2:51
100 High Hurdles: 19.19 seconds

A: Randolph Parquet
B: Hannah Hack
C: Corey Breclaw
D: Trevor Janke

Corey Breclaw, 11 Trevor Janke, 11



Hannah Hack, 9

Aundalyse Parquet, 12

Lowell
Relays

Boys: 3rd

Munster
Invite

Girls: 3rd



Calumet
Relays

Girls: 5th

Jim Nunez, 12



East Chicago Central
GGirls: 75
ECC: 14
win or lose

Anthony Moore, 12



Bishop Noll Invite
Boys: 5th
Girls: 4th



Jessica Mendoza



row one: Kaitlyn Herron, Natalie Drach, Taylor Long, Stephanie Hobbs, Katie Miller, Deborah Leale
row two: Coach Barno, Branna Cannon, Alexis Mata, Lauren Hansen, Elisabeth Flores, Stephanie Negrete, Kelle Black, Aundalyse Parquet, Christine Lesle, Jamie Freeman, Coach Arcella
row three: Coach Shredel, Kimberly Lindsay, Meghan Macak, Jasmin Freeman, Sara McInerney, Victoria Anderson, Lakisha Hill, Kyra Scheerling, Brooke Hobbs, Coach Orkis
row four: Coach Peterson, Priscilla Sepulveda, Brittainy Cobb, Jada Harris, Lindsay Meece, Stephanie Nowak, Samantha Marker, Taylor Surawiec, Ashley Darnough, Anne Scheffel, Coach Brandon



Munster

Boys: 45.5
Girls: 18

win or lose



Jessica Mendoza



row one: Zachary Spires, Matthew Mercer, Alejandro Cordova, Matt Brum, Justin Gasper, Jeff Tinich, Corey Breclaw
row two: Dan Keller, Dan Velez, Patrick Reuskin, Zach Duvnjak, Jimmy Burch, Mark Amick, Jaime Hernandez, Mike Tinich, Donovan Jones
row three: Coach Radtke, Josh Sims, Michael Cummins, Ronald Higginbotham, Trey Bailey, Anthony Moore, Trevor Janke, Mario Aldape, Nick Gallina, Justin Jones
row four: Coach Orkis, Ryan Dason, Greg Joyce, Caleb Westfall, Brad Hardin, Eddie Boncela, Tod Basham, Mark Burkus, Zach Burkus, Coach Radtke

Lowell

Boys: 32
Girls: 47.75

win or lose

Highland Invite

Boys: 3rd
Girls: 3rd

Senior Anthony Moore jumps 6'3" for the high jump. "I'm going to state this year," says Moore. Before he jumps, Anthony makes sure he stays focused. "Before I jump I listen to music and I don't talk to anyone."

Noc Tri
Boys: L
Girls: L

win or lose

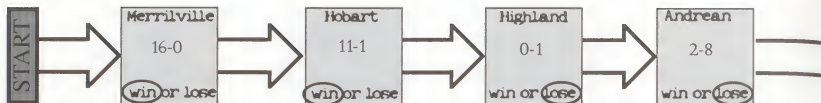


Anthony Concealed, 12

Little 5
Boys: 3rd

Highland
Boys: 61
Girls: 35

win or lose



END
Andean
4-2
(win or lose)

Calumet
10-4
(win or lose)

Kankakee Valley
9-4
(win or lose)

Lake Central
4-5
(win or lose)

Wheeler
5-0
(win or lose)

Gavit
5-0
(win or lose)

Calumet
12-0
(win or lose)

Portage
3-2
(win or lose)

Kankakee Valley
6-0
(win or lose)

"At times it is frustrating being the pitcher, but I really like that I am the one who is in control of the game," said Brittnay Bridges, the only senior on the team.



Annie Higginbotham

The team watches their competition from the sidelines. Sophomore Alyssa Van Horssen, 13 said, "The hardest part of softball is having to run softball suicides."

The infielders meet at the pitchers mound for a quick talk about the game. "We talk to calm each other down," said sophomore Kalynn Ruiz.



Ali Pietrucha

What is your favorite softball memory?



"The team was doing power-situps and one of the girls on the team farted so loud that no one could finish because we were all busy laughing."

Shelby Boilek
junior

"When we beat Andean. It was the best because we haven't beat them in a long time and it was by one run."

Ashley Parish
freshman



"When junior Annie Higginbotham told me that if I missed a sign then I would be on JV for the rest of the year and I believed her."

Alex Latronica
freshman





Ali Pietrucha



Annie Higginbotham

While waiting for the ball, sophomore Sydney Reis often thinks about the game she's played since the age of six. "The best part of it is just getting to play all the time," said Reis.



row 1: Kate Rone, Kalynn Ruiz, Kristen Yost, Annie Higginbotham, Kara Buchholz **row 2:** Sydney Reis, Alyssa Van Horsen, Abby Metsch, Alex Latronica, Lindsay Brandner, Shelby Boilek **row 3:** Stephine Brandner, Sarah Payne, Brandi Heidler, Brittany Bridges, Ashly Parish, Ed McLeod, Dave Lopez



row 1: Desiree Cadiz, Cassandra Shanks, Kandice Cobb, Ashley Rodgers, Stephanie Shively, Jordan Rex, Christina Calvillo **row 2:** Kristi Buxton, Jessica Henderson, Mike Hernandez, Casey McDaniel, Katie Bincardi

Hit Like a girl

page by Frances Pietrucha

Kankakee Valley
3-0
win or lose

Belmont
4-1
win or lose

Blackfort
0-3
win or lose

Hobart
4-2
win or lose

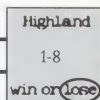
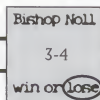
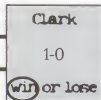
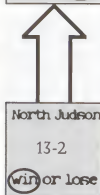
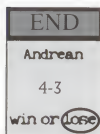
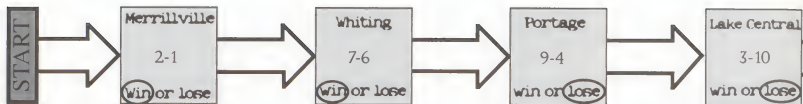
Highland
4-1
win or lose

Lowell
7-5
win or lose

Munster
2-6
win or lose

Crown Point
7-0
win or lose

Andean
3-2
win or lose



Swing away

page by Kaitlyn Sudac



row one: Kevin Konopasek, Travis Litke, Tim Cooper, Josh Long, Mark Miecznikowski **row two:** Jerami O'Brien, Derek Hitt, Kyle Lidster, Mike Barlow, Kyle Najar **row three:** Jake Terpstra, Jeff Godlewski, Jake Evanich



row one: Mike Zaberdac, Sam Carter, Mike Lanfear, Jack Blount, **row two:** Eddie Covarrubias, Kyle Carter, Matt Corlett, Derek Revis, Jason Short, Jake Hernandez, Jim Long



Pumped up and ready to go, junior Ryan Galiher swings at the ball. "The team has been doing good ever since [Derek] Hitt and [Kyle] Najar wrestled on the baseball field," said Galiher.

Warming up for the big game, sophomore Sam Carter catches for the pitcher. "I like to play baseball because it's my favorite sport and it's challenging," said Carter.



Billy Hulbrich

Throwing a pitch that sent the batter back to the dugout, junior Kyle Lidster pitched an amazing game. "The game against Clark was my best because I pitched a shut-out," said Lidster.



Billy Hulbrich



Billy Hulbrich

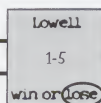
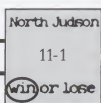
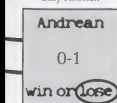
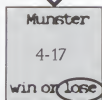
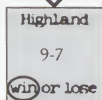
Celebrating a run for the team, junior Nick Trauscht gets cheers from his teammates. "I was excited I just scored and my teammates were all congratulating me," said Trauscht.

Billy Hulbrich

Who plays what?

 Jake Evanich sophomore	A. Utility
 Derek Hitt senior	B. Outfield
 Matthew Corlett sophomore	C. Short-Stop

Derek Hitt
Senior
Outfield
Matthew Corlett
Sophomore
Short-Stop



Tara Villa



There is inside you all of the potential to be whatever you want to be, all of the energy to do whatever you want to do. Imagine yourself as you would like to be, doing what you want to do and each day,

take one step towards your dream. And though at times it may seem too difficult to continue, hold on to your dream. One morning you will awake to find that you are the person you dreamed of and doing what you wanted to do, simply because you had the courage to believe in your potential and to hold on to your dream.

We're proud of you!

Love,

Mom, Dad, and Hannah

Class of 2008



Jake Fitzsimmons



It's been fun- your school academics and sports. We have so many happy memories. Keep your dedication and commitment. This will help you in your future to help make your dreams

come true. We love you Jake and are proud of being part of your past and look forward to a bright future.

*Thank, Happiness, &
God's Blessings*

Always,

Dad, Grampa, Grama,

& Josh



Class of 2008

Kelly LaMendola



*The years have gone by so fast. You have become such a pleasant young lady and a darling daughter. The greatest young-
gen and old sister a family could have.*

You have always done well in school and whatever activities you were in. I am (mom) so proud of you. Reach for the stars and follow your dreams and you will succeed in whatever you do.

Good Luck in your future.

Love,

Mom, Rich, Chris, & Saleena

Class of 2008



Zach Koch



*My partner, you grew
up to be a fine young
man. We are proud of
you.*

*Love,
Mom & Dad*

Class of 2008

Jamie Freeman



*When the Lord blessed our lives with
you, you brought joy, love, and inspira-
tion into the lives of family and friends.*

*Now you have grown into a beautiful
young lady. Your family wants you to
become an inspiration in the lives of oth-
ers as you continue on with your journey.*

*Jesus loves you and we love you.
CC, V&B, L&H, L&H, V&H
on your success. From your family,
Daddy (Kelly), Mommy (Carla),
Sister (Jasmin), & Brother (Pierre)*

Class of 2008

Kayla Aguilera



*'Kayla girl, I can't
believe my baby girl is
graduating.' You are a
very beautiful, intelli-
gent young lady, and I
am so proud of you and
everything you have accomplished thus far.*

*I know that I won't have to worry about you
succeeding in life, and that you will continue
to make me proud! Good*

*luck to my princess in
dental school!*

I love you so much!

Love,

Mom

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Katie Kaiser

Dear Katie

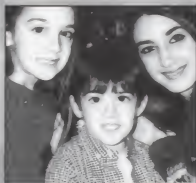
*Watching you grow has been a fantastic ride. You
have brought so much joy to us. All the ups and
downs have made you the awesome person you are
today, and we are so proud of you for all you have
accomplished in your life so far. We know the best is
only yet to come. Please be excited about your future.
Behind you are all your memories, in front of you
are all your dreams, and around you are all the
people who will love and support you all the way.
You are given 3 names in life; the one you inherit,
the one your parents give you, and the ONE YOU
WANT. NEVER give up on your
dreams! All you will ever need is already within you.*

Love You Always

Your Biggest Fans

Mom, Dad, Kristen, & Jacob

Class Of 2008



Amanda & Nicole Koleski



*Amanda & Nicole,
We are so proud of the both
of you and all your accom-
plishments. We wish you all
the best in college and in the
future. Follow your dreams.
We love you so much,
Dad, Mom, and Corky*



Class Of 2008

Rachel Convery



*To our baby girl
It has been a blessing and joy to
watch you grow into a fun, sweet,
and beautiful young woman.
As you continue your journey
in this real game of T.V.E., re-
member that those higher salaries
come from education, family, and
friends greatly increase your score,
and always leave room for fun.*

*Love always,
Your proud parents & Sister*

Class Of 2008



Daniel Rukes



Eighteen years ago we were blessed with a tiny little bundle of joy. The day you were born we knew how blessed we were and every year since has only made us happier. You have blessed our lives in so many ways. We are proud of all of your athletic and academic accomplishments, your hard work, honesty, integrity, and just being you! May God continue to bless you as you start on a new chapter in your life. May your dreams stay big and your worries small—

Keep God in your life

We love you!

Fad, Mom, and Brandon



*Class
Of
2008*



Miranda Pope

"Our Mimi"

Has charmed our entire family since the moment she arrived.

Gracing the dance stage from the time she was three.

Has a talent for talking her way into (and out of) any situation.

Creating friendships that become family.

Has been a beautiful daughter and "sissy" for 48 years that went too fast away.

Growing into the charming, talented, beautiful young woman that we are so proud of today.

We know you will make your dreams come true.

'Till a life you love as much as we love you.'

• Mom, Dad, Tony, and the rest of your crazy family.'

Class Of 2008



Brooke Miller

Dear Brooke,

'Congratulations! You are ending a chapter in your life and beginning a new one. We are so proud of you. You have given us so many wonderful memories. It has been a pleasure watching you achieve all your goals. Watching you dance in pantherettes has truly been enjoyable. You have brought such joy into our lives and it's hard to believe our baby is all grown up. We love you so much and we wish nothing but the best for you. Remember to always follow your dreams and don't let anything stand in your way.

Love,

• Mom, Dad, and Brittany

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Sheila Izo



Graduation is only a concept.

*In real life you graduate
everyday. If you can grasp
that you'll make a difference-
your education continues. You*

*are a wonderful person! We are
proud of you!*

We love you!

*Mom, Dad, Jason, Alyssa,
and Lily*

Class Of 2008



Josh Long



*He our favorite "chocolate child."
We have always known from the
minute you burst into our lives, that
your love for life and insatiable quest
for knowledge would motivate you to
make the world stand up
and take notice.*

*It is amazing, but not surprising
to have watched you set limitless*

*goals and then systematically achieve each one. You have left
an indelible mark on all you've touched and on all those you've
met along the way. We are so proud of you.*

*There are so many great
memories, but because of who you
are, trust us the very best
is yet to be.*

Love,

*Mom and Dad and the
whole "J" crew too!*



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Jeffery Reyna



*Congratulations, Jeff. We are
very, very proud of you and
your achievements throughout
your high school years and we
know you will do the same as
you enter your college years at
Purdue. Good Luck and we
love you very much.*

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That was Then



Brittany Ernich



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Zachary Macak



Zach, you have given us such a wonderful man, and we couldn't be more proud of you. Thanks for all the wonderful memories. We loved watching you grow up playing soccer, baseball, and football. You have always maintained a great atti-

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Love,

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My heart you've given us in being our little "fat juan" into such a beautiful young woman. We are so proud of the person that you have become. You're exactly how we imagined and hoped that you would be. As you go through life, you'll only come across a handful of true friends, which is a blessing.

But, our love will always be true and constant no matter what. We will always be here for you and support you. Wishing you all the best that the world has to offer. Don't let anyone steal your dreams. Buying someone else's opinion means buying their lifestyle. If you shoot for the stars, your dreams will come true. If you believe it... you will achieve it.

Much love... God bless... all the best!

Love, Mom & Dad



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We are very proud of the man you have become.

*Love Always,
Dad & Mom*

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We are so proud of your accomplishments, your desire to achieve your goals, and your strength to overcome many obstacles. Your beauty and gorgeous smile brighten up every room you enter. You have brought so much joy and love to our lives, and so many wonderful memories to cherish. Follow your dreams, believe in yourself, and never give up. My daughter, you are a princess, my heart. You're dad's little squeak, and Ryan's attachment forever. May your life be a wonderful adventure and full of love and laughter.

Love Always,

Mom, Dad, & Ryan

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Kimberly Rogers

Kim-

We are so proud of you and the young woman you have become. The world is in your hands to do whatever you want with it. Go out, find your dreams, and run with them.

We Love You,

Mom, Dad, & John

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Steven Aguilera



I can't believe your graduation day is almost here. You have made me a friend. You have worked so hard and achieved so much. You have grown into such a kind, caring, and successful young man. I know you will succeed in whatever you choose to do. Your brother and I will always be here for you.

Love

Mom & Jeff

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Dan, Congratulations on your many accomplishments. From preschool to Eagle Scout, you have demonstrated your humor, good nature, and integrity. You have been pure joy. We are so proud of you!

Love

Mom, Dad, Paula, & Kristin

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Amber Reed



Time has passed so quickly; it seems like just yesterday that you were our adorable little girl running around. Now you're graduating high school and have become a beautiful young woman, with a big heart and beautiful smile. Always follow your heart and don't give up on your dreams!

We Love you and are proud of you.

Mom, Dad, & Zach



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Amanda Crook



Dear Amanda

You have been a ray of sunshine in our lives since the day you were born. You were then, and always will be, our pride and joy. We cherish all of our wonderful memories of you growing up. You are a beautiful person inside and out.

Throughout life's journey we will be behind you, loving and supporting you every step of the way. You are a wonderful daughter and we love you always.

With all our love,

Mom and Dad

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Aundalyse Parquet



Aundly,

Each and every step you take in life is like writing a book. You start each day with a blank page that only you can fill. You fill each chapter with every action or inaction, every choice, be it good or not so good. You fill them with every thought you think, every word you speak and every attitude you convey. And Aundly, we must say, it is one fine author that you portray. The way that you have written your life thus far, speaks volumes to who you are and all you can become.

So as this new chapter unfolds we know the best lies in the rest of each and every day. You really make us proud. With much love and many congrats!

Frank, Mem, Ash, Mike, & Tyler



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Auron Chandler



Memmies little princess, daddy's little star and to TTT my precious angels...and you know just who you are. I am so proud to commend you that my heart just burst with cheer! It takes very strong women to allow maturity and knowledge to conquer fear. YOU HAVE OVERCOME ME! Auron you are a L.A.L. MC. A.I. You're value to me is PRICELESS...Your beauty is UNPRECEDENTED... The many facets of your essence are UNLYING... Your substance is PERSISTENT enough to cut through any obstacle as if it were pure glass... Your character is FINEST, for every thing about you is what makes you uniquely divine (I wouldn't change a thing)... You SHINE so brightly that I am taken back by the vision of your future.

B.A.B.Y YOU. ARE. MC. U. MY PROMIS!!!



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Auren Chandler



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This is... Now

Brett Schoon



*Best of luck in all you do.
You will do great in what
ever you decide. We love
you and are so proud of
you. God bless you!
Love, Dad, Mom,
Nathan, & Ali*

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Lindsay Lewis



*Congratulations Lindsay
Continue overcoming
adversity and you will
find success.
Love, Mom & Dad*

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Jamie Malenkiewicz



*The one who once was too shy,
now can sing a solo in front of
many people, like when you
did "Foster Bee". And you are
growing so much every day.
We love you so much
Dad, Mom, & Jamie*

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Daniel Louis Velez



Daniel,

*Remember the good times
at S.H.S., the funny times,
friends, and learn from your
mistakes... Work hard, love
God, be proud of who you are,
and remember where you
came from... Keep your faith, culture, and values,
and always remember your family loves you and will
always be here for you...*

We Love You... and are

Proud of You...

Love...

*Dad, Mom, Angel, Michelle,
and "Ginger"*

*Good Luck... and make wise
choices in college...*



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Laura Beaupain



Laura,

*You've always followed your
own heart, instead of the
crowd. That's the way to truly
accomplish your goals and
follow your dreams. Continue
chasing your passions, never
waver, and you will be happier than you can
imagine.*

*We love you and will always support you. Have a
great time at American Sea-
dancing of Art and teach for the
stars.*

Our love Forever,

*Mom, Dad, Brian, and
Jillian*



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Jim Scorya



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That was Then



Brittany Rias



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This is Now

Ellen Hurdish



*Love Ellen,
Congratulations! You have officially survived
AP Biology, numerous English essays, and four
years of hard work. We are so proud of you! You
definitely deserve the outstanding grades and dis-
tinguished awards you have achieved. We know
how hard you have worked and can not wait to see
what you will accomplish in another four years.
Next year just won't be the same without you, but
remember that you have our constant support and
strength. We Admire! We love you, Ellen.
Mom, Dad, Frank, Tanna, and Jane*

Class of 2008

Kyle Johnson



*What was once our little boy has
grown into a wonderful young man.
We are so proud of you, Kyle. Good
luck in college. Follow your dreams,
continue to do your best and be
confident that you'll be successful in
whatever path you choose.*

*We love you!
Mom & Dad*

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Danny Maglish



*Danny, We can't believe
our first born is eighteen.
The time went so very
fast. We're not ready to
let you go just yet. But,
you're ready to go, guitar in*

*hand. Your strong will and independent spirit
will serve you well. Be happy and enjoy life.
Remember we're always
here for you. We love you
so very much Danny-*

Boy,

Love,

Mom, Dad & Brooke



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Keri A. Markul



*We are so proud of all
your accomplishments
and know you will suc-
ceed in whatever the
future brings.*

Love,

Dad, Mom, and Lisa



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Samantha Royal



*Congratulations Samantha,
It's hard to say how proud we are of you. The words "truly amazing"
are not enough to describe the beautiful young lady you have become.
Your hard work, determination and heart paid great dividends. You
know how special you are to all of us. We will always be there with
you in whatever path you choose to follow.
To Sammy, the 2nd bestummy player in the family. May all your
dreams come true. Congratulations!! To someone who brings sunshine
into our lives. Lots of happy memories. Go Cubbies!*

Love,

Dad, Mom, Big Butta, Wendy, Grandma, Grandma Daisy



*Class
Of
2008*



Justin Louie



Justin, since the moment you were born, you have been nothing but a joy. We are so lucky to have watched you grow from the baby that had a smile that would light up a room to the handsome young man that you have become, with that same smile. We are so proud of all of your accomplishments over the years and enjoyed cheering you on whether it was on a soccer field, a baseball field, and finally a football field. We would not have missed a minute and now you are graduating, it just does not seem possible. Just remember your values and morals that we taught you and you can do anything. The world is yours for the taking right now so make your mark but don't forget to have fun doing it. And always remember what ever road you go down, there is always a road home to your family, who loves you and is so proud of you. Thanks for all the memories, we will never forget them and you should not either. We could not have ever asked for a better son. WE LOVE YOU!!!!!!

Love,

Dad, Mom, Taylor, and Gavin



*Class
Of
2008*



Jordynn Tibbs



*Jordynn,
Congratulations to our beautiful daughter
on her high school graduation.*

*We are proud of you and wish you the best
in everything you do. Always remember
we love you and will be there to encourage
and support you to be the best that you can
be.*

Good Luck at JNU!

Fad, Mom, Jared, and Gummy

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Stephen Bakko

*We are all proud of you and
want to congratulate you on all
your achievements through the
years. Good luck in college and
we know you will accomplish
all your goals and dreams.*

Love,

Fad, Mom, and Amanda



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That was Then



Brittany Jursic



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Justin Louie

*Justin Congratulations! What a
wonderful journey the last 18 years
has been watching you grow to the
man you are today. Always remem-
ber how much you are loved and how
proud you have made your family.
You will always be the #1 grandson.*

Love,

Grandma



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Allison Colgrove

*Allison Nicole Colgrove
Cute, smart, and charming
that's you. You have been a
great daughter and big sister.*

Good luck in all you do.

Love,

Fad, Mom, and Chrissy



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Douglas Ashenbaugh



Now that you are a senior we know it's time for you to move on in your life. This is just the start of a future that lies in your hands. You have always worked hard to be the "A-Z" you are today. You have always appreciated your love and support from your family. You have done the best you know how to do in school and sports, and most of all you have done it all for yourself. The memories you leave in our hearts will never ever be forgotten. As for your future goes in your college years, our love and support will always be there.

Love,
Dad & Mom

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Garrett Graves



Dearest Garrett,
Just a little note to say... how very proud we are of you today and always. We know you've been through a lot in your young years, but life has made you strong. You have grown to be a very responsible, caring, loving, and well-mannered man. We wish the very best in

EVERYTHING. As you do and want ALL of your dreams to come true. We know you will do well for yourself and others around you. If Ryan were here today, he would be very proud of you. Be there for your brother. Nolan & the two of you will go far in life. We Love you dearly and will always be there for you.

Love, Mom & Dad



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Lauren Pollard

Lauren,

We are so proud of you and all that you've done. The sparkle that you had as a little girl has just been shining brighter with every year that passes- on the sidelines, on the stage, in the classroom and in everyday life, you've been our shining star. You've shown what hard work and being an overall good person can accomplish. Your focus, and determination will light your way into the future that is as bright as your smile. We know you will be successful in all that you do. Just remember we will always be your cheering section, your audience, your family.

We Love You,
Mom, Dad, & Brandon

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Breanne Clark



Dear Brienne,
We are so proud of you. It's been a
pleasure watching you grow into the beauti-
ful, caring young lady you have become
today. Your smile lights up the room and
our hearts follow your dreams and be hap-
py. Your family will always love you and
be there for you.



With Love,
Mom, Dad, Brittany, Grandma &
Grandpa



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Chloe Anderko



Chloe Elizabeth Underke
How fast eighteen years have gone by.
We are so proud of the beautiful young
woman you are becoming. You have
such a wonderful journey ahead of
you and we are honored to be part of it.
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you. No words can say how
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Billy Wilrich



*Dear Billy,
Congratulations! We are
beaming with pride at the
young man you have become.
You have blessed us with so
many wonderful memories
that we will hold in our hearts*

*forever. We admire your determination, academic
excellence and ability to be true to yourself. With these
qualities, you will go far in life. Our wish for you is
that no matter where the future leads you, happiness
will follow.*

*Always know how much we
love you. Good Luck at Purdue!*

*Love,
Dad, Mom & Sydney*



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Pay \$100

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Receive Your
Diploma

Senior Cookout

Advance 1 Space

A new layout was planned for **THE** Career Fair this year. On Friday, April 25, representatives from various businesses came to the high school to inform students of the opportunities each job holds. Teaching the class about the duties of being a mascot, senior Jimi Nunez is in full costume. Nunez mascots during **GAMES** for the Gary Railcats.



The Game of High School

Prom
Weekend

Pay \$500



Listening attentively to a tour guide at the Indiana Statehouse, junior Michael Beck learns about the different aspects of the state government. In February, the ACES went on a fieldtrip to Indianapolis to go on a tour of the Statehouse and listen to a few members **OF** the government. "It was very informative," said Beck of the fieldtrip.

Annie Higinbotham

Too Many
Missing
Assignments

Advance Directly
to Detention

Get a Job

Collect \$200

Career Day

Move Back
1 Space

First Day
of School

Superfan at a
Football Game

Spirit Week

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Before making their way to the Briar Street Theater to see Blue Man Group, the ACES stopped at Leona's for a filling lunch. While waiting for their meals, freshmen Kylee Ulm and Michelle Sopetti laugh and have a good time. Sopetti's favorite fieldtrip of ACES was Blue Man Group because "it was an awesome experience."



Jake Long

Half Day

Pay \$10

Homework in
Every Class

Lose a Turn

Most **HIGH** school students are involved in at least one sport during their four years. At times, it can be hard to balance sports and **SCHOOL**. During a home game, junior Lindsay Brandner throws the ball back into the infield. "I think overall it was our best season record-wise but we don't have anything to show for it," said Brandner.

Annie Higginbotham

Penny War

Pay \$10

Free
Homework
Pass

Advance Directly
to the Main Office

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No School

Lose a Turn

Roll Again

Lose a Turn

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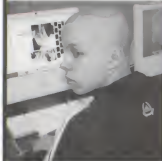
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